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TO the names of the great men of history who have made such tremendous individual contributions to the progress and advancement of medical science is added that of the American, Dr. Jonas Salk. This week his new anti-polio vaccine was officially declared "safe, effective and potent," and Dr. Salk himself believes that in the United States at least his formula is 100 per cent effective.

At a time when the world is being daily bombarded with information of the destructive potentialities of the atomic and hydrogen bombs—a "triumph" by another branch of science in this amazing era—Dr. Salk's success comes as heartening encouragement to a world beset with the moral conflicts associated with the progress of civilisation in these times.

Here is but another of the many examples of science working for the good of mankind. Here is a positive contribution in the unending struggle against sickness and disease, a promise of reprieve to the thousands who are stricken down annually with this dreadful paralysis of limb and life.

NATURALLY the medical world tempers its acclaim and praise for Dr. Salk's new vaccine with a caution consistent with their reaction to all new developments of this nature. Britain warns for instance that it may fail to combat strains of the disease prevalent in the Old World.

Yet tests are to be instituted immediately to assess its effectiveness and undoubtedly if the new vaccine itself is less dramatic and conclusive in its results there, Dr. Salk's formula will form the basis for a variation applicable to the type of "polio" found in Britain.

GENEROUSLY the Americans are wasting no time in mobilising their resources to supply the needs of health authorities and research institutions throughout the world. Information on the new vaccine is to be sent to 75 different countries and it may well be that within a number of years—as medical experts themselves have predicted—successful immunisation on a global scale will be possible.

President Eisenhower describes Dr. Salk's discovery as one of the greatest events in the history of medicine. The world will remember, too, the names of Fleming, Lister and Pasteur among the many others who have made contributions of equal distinction. Nor should we forget the valiant efforts of the doctors, nurses and scientists to relieve those stricken with the disease. Their untiring devotion to the alleviation of suffering millions deserves special recognition in the day of Dr. Salk's triumph.

New Series By Famous Authors

In tomorrow's China Mail, famous British authors bring you a new series of stories designed to keep you guessing. In DID IT HAPPEN? this week, Nigel Balchin, author of "Lord, I was Afraid", "Mine Own Executioner" and "Small Back Room" writes on the "Dover Incident". This is just one of the feature highlights in the big week-end edition of the China Mail.

- ★ Watch out also for these:
 - ★ Feature writer Tony Motta tells you about a new craze among the Chinese population in Hongkong.
 - ★ William Smyth, in the second article of his series, takes you behind the scenes of the Forensic Science Laboratory in Hongkong.
 - ★ Dudley Pope tells the world's strangest story of the man who loved the Mata Hari.
 - ★ A new story about the young adventurer, Winston Churchill, in the Boer War.
 - ★ Sefton Delmer, in Bandung, reviews the prospects for the Afro-Asian conference.
- All these are in tomorrow's Mail—in addition to all your regular favourite features including a cartoon by Giles, a Saturday short story, Jane Roberts' film reviews, three pages of local and home-side pictures, another adventure of the air told by a member of the RAF's Goldfish Club, and many more.

A Highlight Of The Bandung Conference Will Be... IMPORTANT PRIVATE PARLEYS ON FORMOSA

Nehru And Chou To Exchange Viewpoints

NOTHING ON AGENDA

Bandung, Apr. 14.

The joint secretariat of the 29-nation Asian-African conference is concluding its preparatory work without proposing that the situation in the Formosa Strait be put on the agenda of the week-long talks beginning here on Monday.

An authoritative source told Reuter that no country had yet made any move to have the Formosan problem considered.

He said the conference secretariat, which has been working for several weeks on conference documents, statistics and relative matters, had not received even a single proposal or suggestion on any subject from Communist China. The Japanese government had also been silent, the source added.

But diplomatic observers here thought that the Formosan question, even if only referred to in general at the conference, would be one of the most important aspects of the discussions in private talks outside formal meetings.

Churchill Sells MSS Serial Rights

Syracuse, Apr. 14.

Sir Winston Churchill, spending his first holiday in retirement at this ancient Sicilian port, today agreed to serial publication of his forthcoming "History of the English Speaking People" in the American weekly magazine, Life.

The 80-year-old statesman made the agreement at lunch today with Mr. Henry Luce, publisher of Life, Time, and Fortune and husband of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce, United States Ambassador to Italy.

Mr. Luce told reporters of the agreement after the lunch. Sir Winston Churchill wrote the history before World War II and is now working in his sunny private study at the Villa Poliz Hotel on a revision of the text.

APPEARED IN GARDEN This evening, after being imprisoned in the Hotel for two days by a chilly gale, the former Prime Minister appeared in the Hotel garden.

Sir Winston Churchill, accompanied by Lord Cherwell, his atomic adviser, and Mr. Anthony Moore, both personal friends, sat for half an hour in the sun slumped in a comfortable chair chatting cheerfully.—Reuter.

The main private talks on Formosa, which were regarded now as the world's greatest danger area in the East-West cold war, are expected by observers here to take place between Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chou En-lai, Indian and Chinese Communist Prime Ministers respectively.

Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, India's United Nations representative, who will be assisting Mr. Nehru, recently had detailed discussions on the Formosan situation with the United States, Canadian and British Governments.

IN CLOSE TOUCH After two long meetings in London with Sir Anthony Eden, who was then British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Menon flew to New Delhi earlier this month to report to Mr. Nehru.

The Indian envoy in Moscow has in recent weeks been in close touch on the Formosan issue with Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister.

The critical question of how to end hostilities in the Formosa Strait is also likely to be discussed between Mr. Chou and the Burmese Prime Minister, U Nu.

U Nu, who visited Peking shortly after Mr. Nehru late last year, plans to fly to Washington for talks with President Eisenhower and Mr. John Foster Dulles, United States Secretary of State, in June.

U Nu, who professes great admiration for both the United States and Communist China, has made it known that he would do all he could to try to lessen the tension between Washington and Peking by helping both countries understand each other's views.

COMMUNIST CHINA told U Nu, when the Burmese Prime Minister visited Peking, that it would be willing to receive "a goodwill study mission" from the United States.

OTHER QUESTIONS U Nu told this to Mr. Dulles when he visited Rangoon after the eight-nation Asian-African Conference in Bangkok in late February.

Diplomatic observers here thought other questions which might be discussed generally in private bilateral talks between Mr. Nehru and Mr. Chou are likely to include the position in Korea and the future of American airmen and other citizens imprisoned or detained by Communist China.—Reuter.

Thousands Protest

Johannesburg, Apr. 14. Armed police were mobilised today when thousands of people gathered to demonstrate against the Bantu Education Act which transfers African education to the government's native affairs department. Banned is 18 miles east of Johannesburg.—Reuter.



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Church And State In Conflict

Argentine Gov't's Drastic Action

Buenos Aires, Apr. 14.

The Argentine government today suspended religious and moral teaching in the republic's schools as the latest and most drastic step in its feud with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Armando Mendez, the Education Minister, signed an order suspending a 1944 decree and a 1947 act of congress on religious teaching soon after Church-State differences caused the first government casualty.

A decree earlier in the day accepted the resignation of Senor Antonio Calles, Minister of Commerce, a practising Catholic who had been sandwiched between the opposing sides.

PERON'S FEAR Usually well informed sources said that other resignations are impending, but that President Juan Peron is reluctant to accept them in case they are interpreted as a sign of Church influence.

Close friends of Senor Calles said he would probably go abroad. He left his office yesterday before the acceptance of his resignation had been officially announced.

Senor Julio Palarea, 40, former General Manager of the Central Bank, had been appointed Commerce Minister in his place.

Relations between Church and State in Argentina have been clouded since President Peron charged in November last year that some sections of the Church were interfering in government affairs.—Reuter.

Civil War Fear

Washington, Apr. 15. The United States and France are in urgent conversation over the mounting danger of a full-scale civil war in South Vietnam, it was learned in official quarters today.

Authoritative sources said that a difference of opinion had arisen between representatives of the two countries over the best way to settle the rumbling dispute between Premier Ngo Dinh Diem and the private secular armies blockading Saigon.—Reuter.

Newspaper Strike Talks Break Down After 14 Hours

London, Apr. 15.

The government's bid to end London's 22-day-old newspaper strike failed early today.

Marathon talks called by the government with representatives of the newspaper proprietors and the 700 striking-maintenance men broke down after nearly 14 hours.

At midnight, dismissal notices issued by the newspaper proprietors to 20,000 other non-editorial workers came into effect.

A statement by the Newspaper Proprietors Association early today said union representatives had insisted that they would end the strike only if they received an immediate wage increase beyond the amount already offered.

A union official said no further meetings had been arranged.

The representatives of the 700 striking maintenance men, the proprietors and the 20,000 other workers now out of jobs, met in separate rooms at the Ministry of Labour. They were linked by Labour Ministry co-ordination officers.

Sir Wilfred Neill, Britain's top industrial "peacemaker," guided the discussions while Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, waited in his office for progress reports.

After the talks broke down just after midnight, the proprietors said in a statement that an effort to end the strike and prevent unemployment of over 20,000 other workers, they had asked the unions to return immediately to work.

On their return the proprietors would start talks on the establishment of a new central body for the discussions of future wages in the industry.

The statement said as soon as these discussions were completed and the proprietors had examined the economy of the industry, negotiations would begin for a new wages offer.

The latest date for the beginning of these negotiations would be July 1.

THE ONLY BASIS These proposals were rejected by the unions on strike.

Their representatives insisted that the only basis on which they would recommend a resumption of work was an immediate increase of wages.

When the talks at the Ministry had been in progress for six hours, only 35 minutes had been spent in joint discussions. The rest of the time the parties spent in their separate rooms, with Sir Wilfred and his staff acting as couriers to keep them in touch with each other.

Sir Wilfred's guests were the proprietors; ten representatives, led by Lord Rothermere, their chairman. They speak for 12 morning, three London evening and 12 Sunday newspapers, all halted by the stoppage.

The maintenance men: six representatives of the Electrical Union, led by their President, Mr. Frank Foulkes, and four of the Engineers' Union, headed by their London area leader, Mr. Roy Birch.

The Printing Union's delegation of 16, including representatives of all nine unions whose members lose their jobs tomorrow if the strike continues.

Soldier Deserts To East Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 14.

A British lance-corporal, J. Gordon, asked and received asylum from the East German government on April 8, the East German news agency ADN reported today.

Leaving the First Battalion of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the British sector of Berlin, Gordon allegedly broke his 20-year army contract to cross over to the East.

The ADN did not give his age but quoted him as saying that he wanted to work for peace instead of continuing to serve in the British Army, which only prepared for a new war.—France Press.

Graphic Figures On World's Population

New York, Apr. 14.

The world had a population of 2,547,000,000 by 1953, United Nations experts announced today.

The crowd will be larger still in the future in view of long term trends towards longer life and fewer deaths in infancy.

The United Nations Demographic Year Book for 1954 published today is said to be the most comprehensive compilation of statistics ever made on births, marriages, population density and migration. It covers 183 countries from 1920 to 1953.

There are no detailed statistics from the Soviet Union or Eastern Europe, except for total population.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the report are:

1. The world birth rate is declining from its post-war peak but is still above the 1938 level in most countries.

2. There is a continuing long term trend toward lower still birth rates.

3. Life expectancy, due to decreased infant mortality and world wide improvements in health conditions, has increased sharply.

Central Europe has the highest population density, with 129 people for every square kilometre. South Central Asia, with a density of 94, is the second highest, and Southern Europe, with a density of 83 is the third highest. By continents, the population density is 82 people per square kilometre for Europe, 51 for Asia, 8 for the Americas.

5. The post-war peak of migration was reached during the years 1949 to 1951 and there has been a moderate decline from then until 1953.—Reuter.

Sikhs Attacked By Africans

Nairobi, April 14.

Police in a patrol car last night saw two elderly Sikhs attacked and slashed by two Africans wielding pangas, the latest in a series of attacks on Asians in the past few months.

One Sikh died. The other was slashed on his hand. The attack was in the same area and at about the same time as all previous attacks on Asians. Police later arrested two Africans.—Reuter.

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Alleged Torture Of 34 Dutchmen

Indonesian State Police Accused

From John McKenna

The Hague, Apr. 14. The Dutch government is planning to lay before UNO a dossier alleging interrogation under torture of 34 Dutchmen by Indonesia's state police.

The dossier of the Jungschlager Affair has already been prepared by the government's legal experts at The Hague. Tonight I learned its details from circles close to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Thirty-four Dutchmen—mainly planters, engineers and businessmen—have been held for almost a year without trial on charges by the Indonesian state police of receiving arms and money dropped by British aircraft as part of an alleged British United States-Dutch plot.

The fact that the alleged ring-leader, I. N. H. Jungschlager, was a high-ranking wartime Dutch naval intelligence officer adds superficial colour to the Indonesian charges.

COMPANY EXECUTIVE

A Dutch government official just returned from Indonesia, who knew Jungschlager, said tonight the one-time intelligence man was known in Djakarta as a conscientious executive in charge of administration in the KPM, Dutch shipping line serving the Indonesian islands.

He denied Jungschlager was connected in any way with Dutch intelligence since the war.

The Dutch claim to have proof from letters smuggled out by prisoners, statements by four released men, and evidence gathered on the spot by Dutch observers that:

• Several prisoners were taken last year to a pond on the Setra-Buit road, near Bandung where the Afro-Asian conference is being held, and half drowned.

• When Holland protested the Indonesian government denied such a pond existed. The Dutch produced maps which I have seen—showing its position at the time of the incident since when, they charge, state police have filed it in.

• One man was beaten in front of his family and then dragged to Bogor police station where he was beaten with a wooden club.

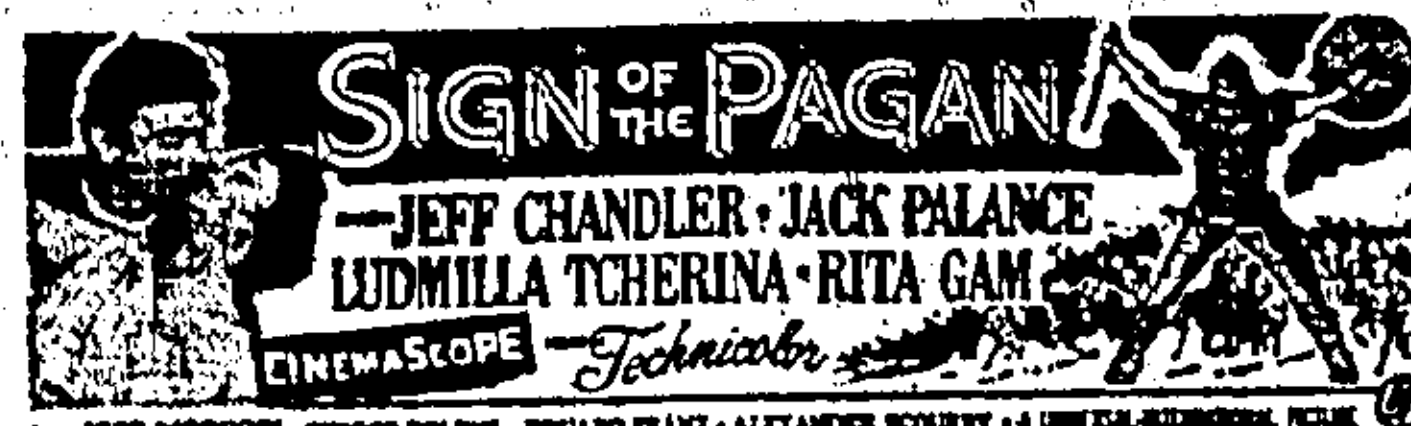
• The prisoners have been repeatedly killed and threatened with being thrown down a deep well. (One prisoner wrote, "My body simply cannot withstand such torture, and if this clubbing starts again I'll inevitably go under. I live in a continuous nightmare because I never expected to see any civilised Indonesian.")

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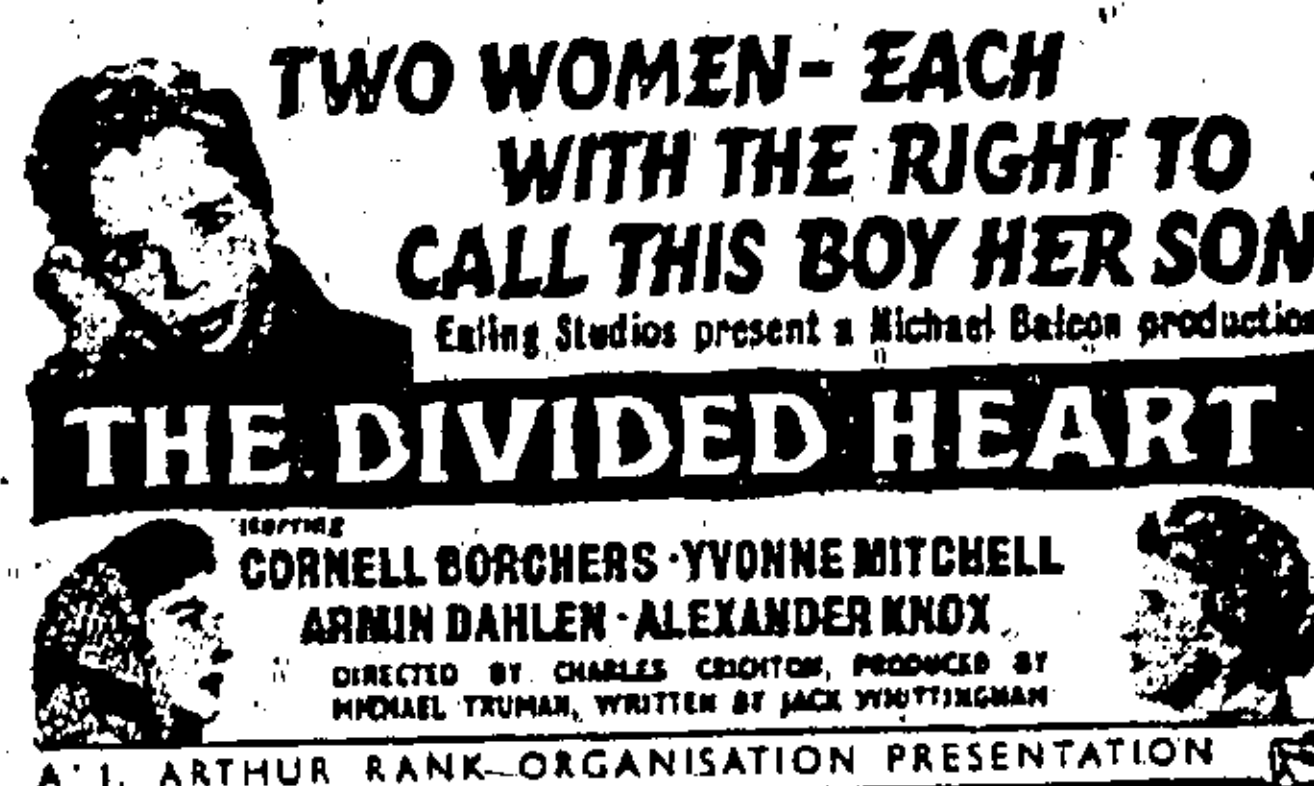
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Free Liquor A Hazard In Aircraft

PILOTS WANT THE POWERS OF SHIP CAPTAINS

Montreal, Apr. 14.

Airline pilots from 20 nations met today in a bid to arm themselves with ship-captains' powers and stem a flood of free liquor on planes because it poses a safety hazard.

Mr D. Follows, of London, Secretary of the 10,000-member International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations, said a drive to spark international legislation putting teeth in pilots' authority, which now is accepted only informally, and the liquor question would get "urgent consideration."

He said that pilots now lacked government authority, for example, to refuse to carry a passenger although their companies usually backed their decisions.

"We want governments, through the International Civil Aviation Organisation, to give pilots the same clear-cut powers as captains of ocean liners," he said. "As things stand a pilot has all the responsibility of the aircraft and its passengers but nothing setting forth that is in complete control of the plane and those aboard."

OUT OF HAND

Mr Follows said in an interview that many pilots felt that a steadily-increasing practice by airlines to serve free liquor on long trips was getting out of hand.

"If someone spends 12 hours drinking in a plane," he said, "you have to think what condition he's going to be in if there's an emergency and the pilot has to ditch."

Few pilots object to passengers taking the occasional drink, but some airlines are over-doing their hospitality in that regard, he said.

Meetings will be held in the council chambers of the International Civil Aviation Organisation, a United Nations specialised agency with headquarters here.

Most of the talks will be technical and based on the group's aim of giving pilots a voice in international aviation legislation. The not-so-technical discussions will include "the authority and prerogatives of the pilot-in-command," serving of alcoholic beverages on planes, industrial diseases as applied to pilots, and a number of passenger safety details.

A safety session will study the carriage of life-jackets on over-water flights, airport fire-fighting equipment, and fuel storage on civil aircraft.

One subject certain to come up for extensive discussion deals with the hours of pilots' work. Some have complained that on

certain routes, pilots work too long and may become overtired—and a safety hazard.

The Federation held its previous conferences in London, Paris, Dublin, Copenhagen, Brussels, Amsterdam, Sydney, Chicago and Zurich. Its national associations come from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, Rhodesia, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, Britain and the United States.

CAN INFLUENCE

Although the meetings have no formal government standing, decisions that come out of them usually influence aviation legislation. The Federation's stated purpose is "to provide a democratic body capable of presenting international organisations pilots' opinions in the aviation fields of conditions of service, international legislation, technical development and standards of safety."—United Press.

Demonstration Outside US Consulate

Calcutta, Apr. 14.

Several hundred Communist demonstrators carrying "Quit Asia" slogans massed outside the United States consulate here today.

They shouted accusations that the plane which crashed while carrying Chinese Communist delegates to the African-Asian Conference at Bandung was sabotaged by the United States and Nationalist China.

The demonstrators, who carried slogans demanding the "imperialists" quit Asia, declared that those responsible for the plane crash should be punished. Traffic was jammed for miles while the demonstrators marched along the main streets of Calcutta, watched by thousands of spectators.—France-Press.

US Action Against Czechs For Shooting Down Plane

United Nations, Apr. 14.

The United States informed the United Nations Security Council that it has started action against Czechoslovakia in the International Court for \$27,384.16 damages for the shooting down of an American F-84 plane over Western Germany on March 10, 1952.

The United States Ambassador, Mr Henry C. Lodge, Jr., requested the Council's President, Mr Arkady A. Sobolev, of Russia, to circulate to all

members a note outlining the incident together with a copy of the US claim.

Mr Lodge's note recalled a Council debate last September 10 on an American complaint of an unprovoked attack by a Soviet military aircraft over the China Sea.

During this debate Mr Lodge had "affirmed the determination of the United States Government to seek a negotiated settlement of claims arising out of such incidents and, in the absence of such settlements, to submit them to impartial adjudication by the International Court of Justice."

Similar action has been started in The Hague Court by the United States against Russia and Hungary for two other plane incidents.

"By these actions," Mr Lodge's note said, "the United States Government is seeking to exhaust every available legal means in order to bring to an end lawless attacks against United States aircraft."—United Press.



Two groups of climbers departed from Genoa recently for the Himalayas. One party is known as the International Dyhrenfurth Expedition of 1955 organised by Professor Dyhrenfurth of Switzerland and the other is the Deutsche Himalayastiftung of the Annapurna Expedition of Germany. Pictorial shows: The four members of the Annapurna Expedition about to start off from Genoa. They are Friedrich Lohblacher, Heinz Stelmets, Jurgen Wollenkamp and Herald Riller.—Express Photo.

Senator Knowland Says SENATE SHOULD INQUIRE INTO AIRMEN'S FATE

Washington, Apr. 14.

Senator William Knowland, supported by Senator Wayne Morse, suggested today that the United States Senate should inquire into the fate of the 15 American airmen at present in Communist Chinese hands.

Mr Knowland, the leader of the Republican minority in the Senate, expressed the view that all State Department and Defense Department officials should testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Armed Forces Committee, so that the slightest scrap of information might not be lost.

MORSE'S DEMAND

Mr Morse demanded a report to the Senate from Secretary of State John Foster Dulles as to the results of the United Nations action for the release of the men.

Mr Morse added that the United Nations had the duty of ensuring that Communist China should respect its international resolution in the Senate to that effect in a few days.

Mr Knowland similarly stated that the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, had the duty of making a report to Congress and to the American people, and to

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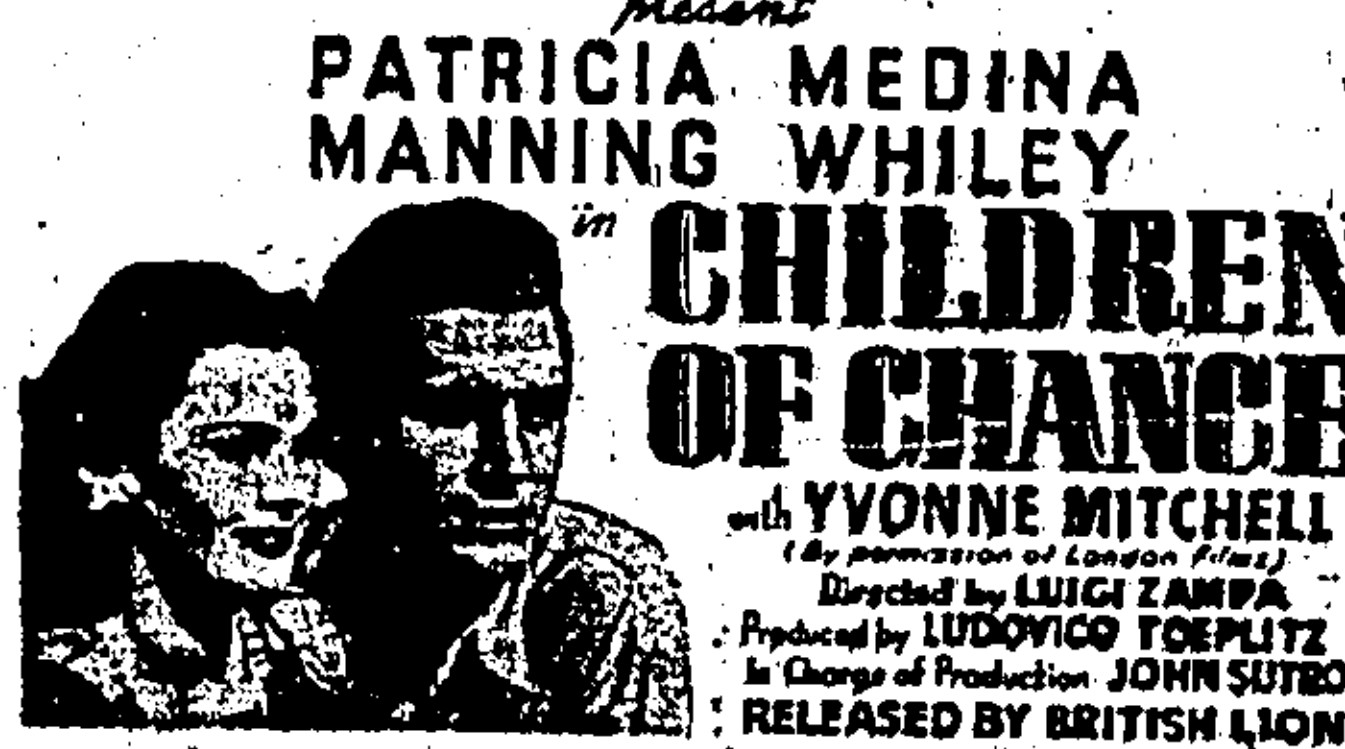
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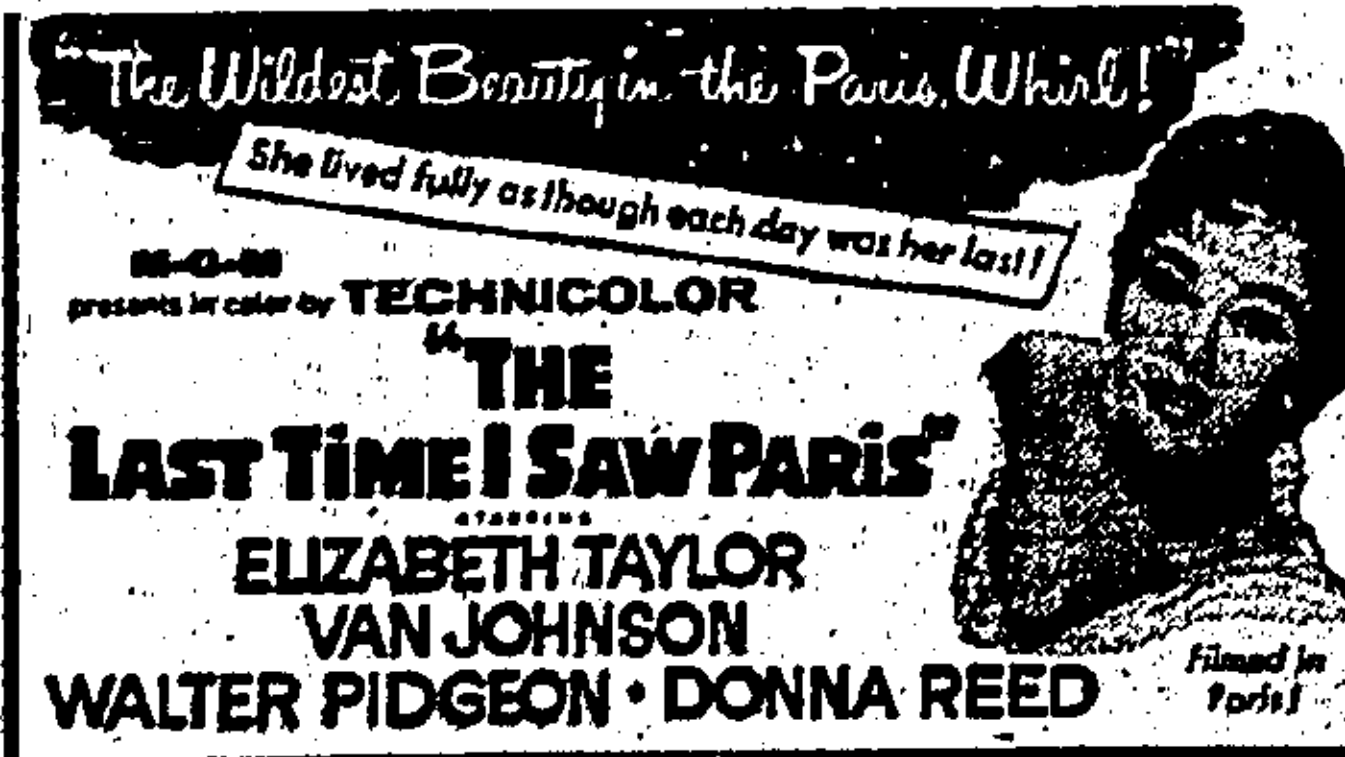


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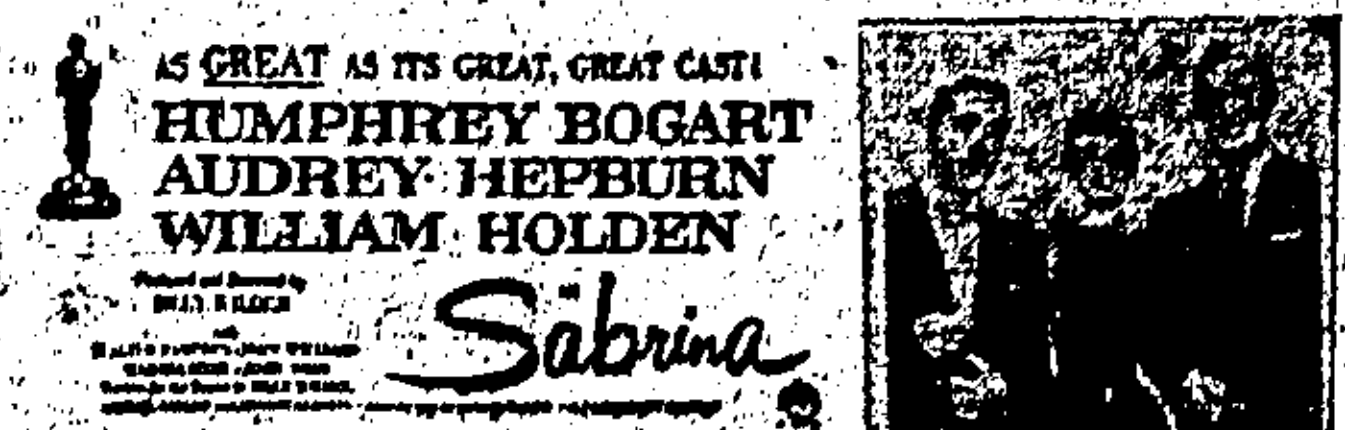


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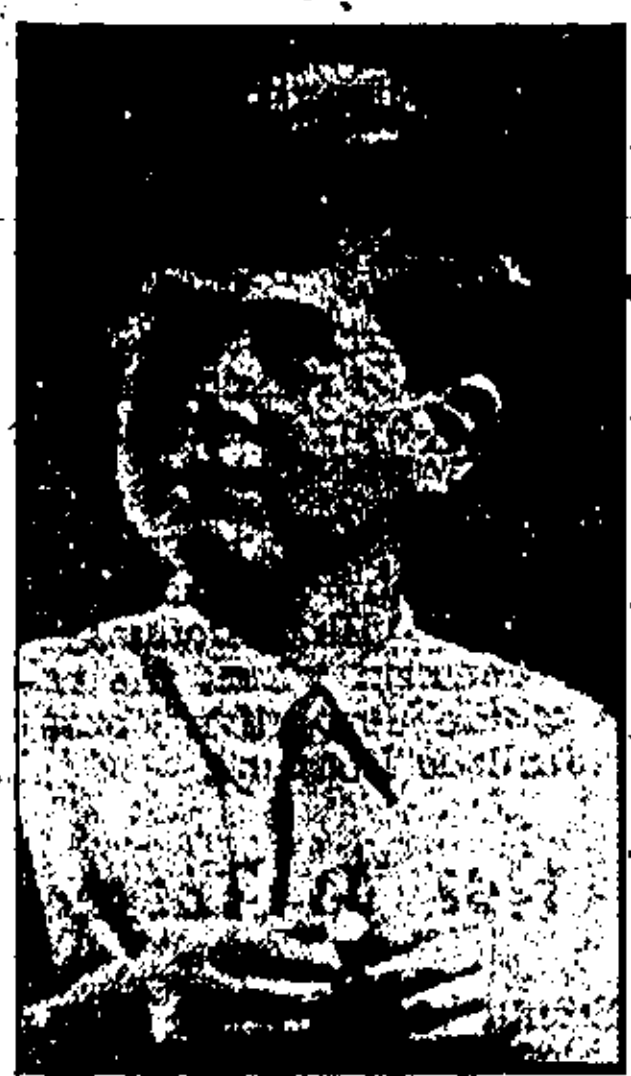
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EAST GERMANS REJECT TOLL DEMANDS

Prince Of Wales In 1958?



Members of the Festival of Wales Committee have sent a request to Major Lloyd George, the Minister for Welsh Affairs, that the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales should coincide with the festival and with the first visit of the Empire Games to Wales in 1958.

A request has also been forwarded to the Minister that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh should also visit Wales during the period of the festival.

A central exhibition similar to the Festival of Britain is not being planned. The idea is to get each town, village and community to take part and commemorate the festival in their own way.

It is also planned to commemorate the five hundredth anniversary of the birth of Henry Tudor, and to publicise towns connected with the Tudor family, such as Pen-y-mynydd at Anglesey and Pembroke Castle.

MUSICIAN ON SPY CHARGE

Stockholm, Apr. 14: Antonin Olšovský, a Czechoslovak musician resident in Stockholm, will face a Stockholm court on April 20 on a charge of espionage, it was announced here today.

The indictment, which was made public today, while it does not give detailed accusations, states that Olšovský is accused of giving military information to a "foreign power" during the summer of 1953 which, in the case of war or threat of war, could have been prejudicial to Sweden.

Olšovský, after taking out papers in Sweden in 1944 as a refugee, later renewed his Czechoslovak nationality. Forty-two-year old Olšovský is married to a Swedish woman.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Ogres (6)
- 8 Value highly (6)
- 9 Exited (6)
- 11 Reached (6)
- 12 Accurate (4)
- 13 Charge with debt (5)
- 18 Put off (5)
- 19 Accustomed (4)
- 22 Towards (8)
- 24 Carry on (8)
- 26 Commission (6)
- 28 Ingredients (8)

DOWN

- 1 Excluded (6)
- 2 Express (7)
- 3 Deceived (7)
- 4 Sign (8)
- 5 Prosecuted (4)
- 6 Complete (6)
- 7 Unexpected (6)
- 10 Danger (5)
- 14 Commenced (5)
- 15 Rags (7)
- 16 Part of the body (6)
- 17 Spiritualist meeting (6)
- 20 Wide (6)
- 21 Apart (5)
- 22 Eat dinner (4)
- 23 Fat (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Minister, 7 Corgi, 8 Spinning, 10 Rafter, 12 Entered, 15 Ague, 17 Ferment, 18 Derides, 20 Add, 21 Resided, 22 Refuse, 27 Meditate, 28 Moans, 29 Dreamers, Down: 1 Score, 2 Craft, 3 Miser, 4 Inns, 5 Twining, 6 Regret, 9 Prefer, 11 Anger, 12 Tepid, 14 Desert, 15 Ambit, 16 Under, 18 Damned, 19 Riddle, 22 Soans, 23 Divan, 24 Dense, 25 Stem.

Baby Blockade Maintained On Berlin

ALLIES URGED TO OPEN TALKS WITH RUSSIA

Berlin, Apr. 14.

East German Communists rejected today Western demands that they abolish the new exorbitant road trucking tolls which have clamped a "baby blockade" on Berlin.

A Soviet Zone inter-zonal trade delegation at a meeting in East Berlin that lasted several hours told a West German trade delegation it was not even competent to discuss the matter.

Dr Suhr, governing Mayor of West Berlin, and Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, decided today to urge the Western Allies to open immediate talks with Russia on

traffic restrictions to West Berlin, informed sources said. At the end of March, the East German authorities imposed increases ranging from 100 to 1,100 per cent on road tolls on traffic crossing the Soviet zone from West Germany to West Berlin.

CHOKED OFF

Since then, nearly 80 per cent of the "normal" lorry traffic has been choked off the roads.

Dr Adenauer is understood to have told Dr Suhr that the Federal Government will take the necessary measures to see that West Berlin's economy does not suffer.

They agreed, the sources added, that the Soviet authorities had a responsibility under the blockade lifting agreements of 1949 to ensure an unhindered flow of traffic between the Western zones and Berlin, and it was the West's duty to keep Russia to its word.

German Government sources said that the Western Powers were in general agreement with Dr Suhr and Dr Adenauer.—United Press.

ADVISERS TO KING OF NEPAL

Katmandu, Apr. 14.

King Mahendra of Nepal today confirmed the appointments of five advisers to assist him in administration.

All five have been acting as advisers following the resignation of the Cabinet on March 2 and the death of the King's father, King Tribhuvan, on March 13.

During his father's last illness, King Mahendra was appointed Regent and assumed responsibility for administration.

RESIGNED

The Cabinet resigned after a defeat on Foreign Office estimates, the Assembly being prorogued indefinitely.

The advisers headed by Sardar Gunjaman Singh, are: Lieutenant-General Anand Shumsher, a legal expert, Shogendra Raj and Parendra Vikram Shah, both prominent Katmandu citizens, and Anuruddh Prasad Singh, a former district governor.

A proclamation by the Army Commander-in-Chief, Kisan Shumsher, said teams would be sent out to study the problems of various districts in Nepal.—Reuter.

Corruption Purge In Iran

Teheran, Apr. 14.

The new government of Premier Hossein Ala has started a purge of the administration to "eliminate corruption."

The purge is being carried out on the recommendation of the Shah. Nearly all of the high municipal officials of Teheran have already been fired, including the Mayor, Colonel Hossein Eftekhadi, who was replaced by Nostrolol Montas-wer.

The Police this morning arrested Moustapha Moghadam, a relative of the former Premier General Fazlollah Zahedi and former director of the Import-Export Bank. Police said they wanted to investigate Moghadam's "management of the bank."—France-Press.

Cypriot Boys Arrested

Nicosia, Apr. 14.

Two schoolboys at Limassol were charged today with taking an oath to the underground movement EOKA (National Organisation of Cypriot Fighters) and remained on £50 bail each for a hearing on April 22.

It was the first case of its kind in Cyprus. The British Ambassador in Athens Sir Charles Peake, called on the Greek Foreign Minister today and lodged another complaint against Athens radio broadcasts to Cyprus; it was reliably learned.

'PISTOL PETE' HAS LAID DOWN HIS GUNS

Miami, Apr. 14.

"Pistol Pete" Logan, after 25 years, has laid those pistols down and the Miami police department has lost some colour and the central figure in two unsolved mysteries.

Pistol Pete—seldom known in Sergeant James L. Logan—is one of the few persons in this country to survive a gang-style "ride."

The Cutty Sark In Her Final Home



DULLES DEFENDS US AID POLICIES

Misunderstanding In Latin America

Washington, Apr. 14.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, today defended United States foreign aid policies against Latin American criticism that the Eisenhower Administration was spending thousands of millions of dollars for assistance in Europe and the Far East while deliberately ignoring the needs of the republics of the Western Hemisphere.

Mr Dulles said in a speech at the Pan-American Union for Pan-American Day: "I have never been able to comprehend so complete a misunderstanding of the nature and the purpose of our foreign aid."

Mr Dulles said the United States had poured enormous sums of money into Europe as loans and grants because Europe, geographically nearer to military peril, was a frontier not only for its own defence, but for the defence of the United States and all the Latin American republics.

VAST SUMS

Mr Dulles added: "Vast sums sent by the United States to Europe and to the Far East have had to be used for reconstruction of devastated regions in order to enable free men once again to take their part in the development, the maintenance, and the extension of the free world."

"Similarly, the United States has had to make enormous expenditures for the military installations which ensure defence in Europe and elsewhere against mighty forces whose mere existence, poised and ready, is an increasing threat to us all."

I cannot make any valid comparison in terms of assistance, in rebuilding, re-establishing and reinforcing war-stricken nations continually in danger of new armed attacks and the type of assistance which we extend to Latin America.

"Let us rather thank God that this fortunate hemisphere has had no need for stationing such multitudes of troops within its confines that there is no war devastation to be undone; that there is no need for constructing such extensive military in-

Weather Control Should Be Investigated

Geneva, Apr. 14.

Dr Francis W. Reichelderfer, President of the World Meteorological Association, told its second congress here today that possibilities of modifying or controlling the weather should be investigated.

But the Doctor, Director of the United States Weather Bureau, added that to control weather on a large scale was impracticable "and perhaps undesirable."

Referring to reports of "rain making by artificial inducement or precipitation, and of large scale weather control and even modification of severe storms," Dr Reichelderfer warned against "rumours of miraculous events in meteorology."

More than 200 delegates from 79 of the 88 member countries are attending the congress. The British delegation is headed by Sir Graham Sutton, Director of the Meteorological Office.—Reuter.

The world's most famous sailing ship the Cutty Sark has now been installed in her specially prepared dry dock at Greenwich. The vessel, which is the last of the ancient tea clippers, is being refitted and refitted as a permanent link with the past. She was built in 1869. The installation of the vessel at Greenwich London, has been organised by the Cutty Sark Preservation Society. Picture shows General view showing the Cutty Sark in her final home at Greenwich.—Express Photo.

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Southern States warned in briefs and statements that immediate segregation would destroy their public school system.

In the final arguments today, Mr Thurgood, Marshall representing the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People—insisted that there can be no delay in integration without denying Negroes their constitutional rights.

He urged the Justices to set a time limit of not longer than one year because this would give the States more time to make the necessary assignment of teachers and changes in school administration.

The United States Solicitor-General, Mr Simon E. Sobell, speaking for the Administration, asked the Court to insist that the States make an immediate, bona fide advance toward the goal of mingling races in schools.

COULD DELAY This does not mean, he said, that "people should be run over roughshod" or that the Justices should not take into account the problem faced by the South.

But he said there should be "no open end" deadlines.

The Court may issue its integration orders early in June when it takes its summer recess. It traditionally acts on an issue in the same term, in which it holds hearings. However, lawyers said that it could delay a decision by ordering more hearings.—United Press.

World Living In Shadow Of Death MISPLACED FAITH IN A-BOMB—NEHRU

New Delhi, Apr. 14.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Premier, said here tonight the world lives in "a shadow of possible disaster and those who put faith in the atom bomb will perish by the atom bomb."

He was speaking at a banquet in honour of the Egyptian Prime Minister, Lieut-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, and the Afghan Deputy Premier, Mohammed Naim.

Mr Nehru said the important thing today in Asia and Africa was that "millions of people are on the move—not merely some prominent personalities who symbolise the wishes and urges and desires of those people."

BREAK OF DAWN

He added: "I have the feeling here in Asia and in Africa of a break of dawn; it may be, and it perhaps inevitably is, a turbulent dawn, but nevertheless it is dawn."

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IN NATAL THEY LASSO WHALES

Durban, Apr. 14.

A trapped whale stopped work at the Titanium Corporation's Ungababa plant. But the day was saved by the works manager, Mr Paddy Clancy—he lassoed it.

When Mr Clancy arrived at work he found that a pump, which draws water from the sea, was not working. Suspecting a blockage he walked to the beach to examine the suction pipe.

The pipe was "bouncing wildly up and down," he said and he saw that a whale was trapped in the rocky pool where the pipe entered the water.

It was impossible to get the whale back into the sea because it was low tide so Mr Clancy lassoed it and 25 Africans dragged it along a channel to an adjoining pool. It died before it could be set free.—China Mail Special.

SPENDER SEES DULLES

Washington, Apr. 14.

The Australian Ambassador, Sir Percy Spender, conferred with the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at the State Department today on the Far Eastern situation, especially the Formosa area.

Diplomatic officials understood Sir Percy was anxious to get the latest views from Mr Dulles and what was being done to try to bring about a peaceful solution of the problem.

Sir Percy has not seen Mr Dulles since the visit of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, here last month. Sir Percy has been in Texas for two weeks, lecturing.—United Press.

Move To Lower Driving Age Attacked

Capetown, Apr. 14.

A proposal in the South African House of Assembly that the age at which driving licenses are granted should be reduced from 17 years to 16 or 15 years if the applicant showed himself capable, has been attacked by the Royal Automobile Club of South Africa.

Speaking in Capetown, Commander J. B. Holmes, General Secretary of the Club in South Africa, said that rather than lower the minimum driving age, it should be increased to 18 at least.

He said that a boy of 17 or under could not be expected to have the split second, decisive control essential to the driving of a motor car. Many adults did not have this ability, he added.—China Mail Special.

Open Invitation To Lonely Hearts

Nice, Apr. 14.

Lonely hearts among bachelors and spinsters the world over were today given an open invitation to join a sentimental journey culminating in a three-day congress at Nice, with a free Riviera honeymoon thrown in for the first three couples to take the plunge into matrimony.

The invitation was issued by the Nice "Unmarrieds' Club" and by the Nice Municipality and the Nice Publicity Bureau. The congress is scheduled to start on May 17.

The organisers believe it will be a larger gathering than one run on similar lines in Capri last year.

After three days of talks, the "lonely hearts" will elect the "ideal woman" and the "golden man" whose essential qualifications will be intelligence and taste rather than physical beauty.

The municipality of Nice has stated that it would be pleased to supply information and receive suggestions from would-be applicants.—France-Press.

BEEES ON THE MAST HEAD

Cape Town, Apr. 14.

Bees are good sailors. The crew of the Cape Town trawler Frith, who have had a swarm of bees at the top of the mast for nearly two weeks, are certain of it.

Recently, when the Frith left Cape Town on her return to the fishing grounds, the bees were still there and the men on board were planning to build a hive around the swarm.

Captain Westerlund, the skipper, says that the bees "came aboard" while the trawler was lying off Handikap Bay.

The crew saw the bees settling and made to sea to put them off. But the swarm was determined to join the ship. They settled on the mast and started building a hive.

The Frith put to sea and met stormy weather, but the bees proved good sailors. The crewman says the bees have brought them good luck.—China Mail Special.

One Accident After Another

Liston, Apr. 14.

The ambulance taking Maria Miranda, 63, to hospital, added off the road and was so badly damaged that another ambulance had to be used to continue the trip.

The second ambulance was then involved in a collision with a car. All the occupants were injured and treated at the same hospital, to which Señora Miranda was being taken for her injuries, the newspaper O Seman reported.—China Mail Special.

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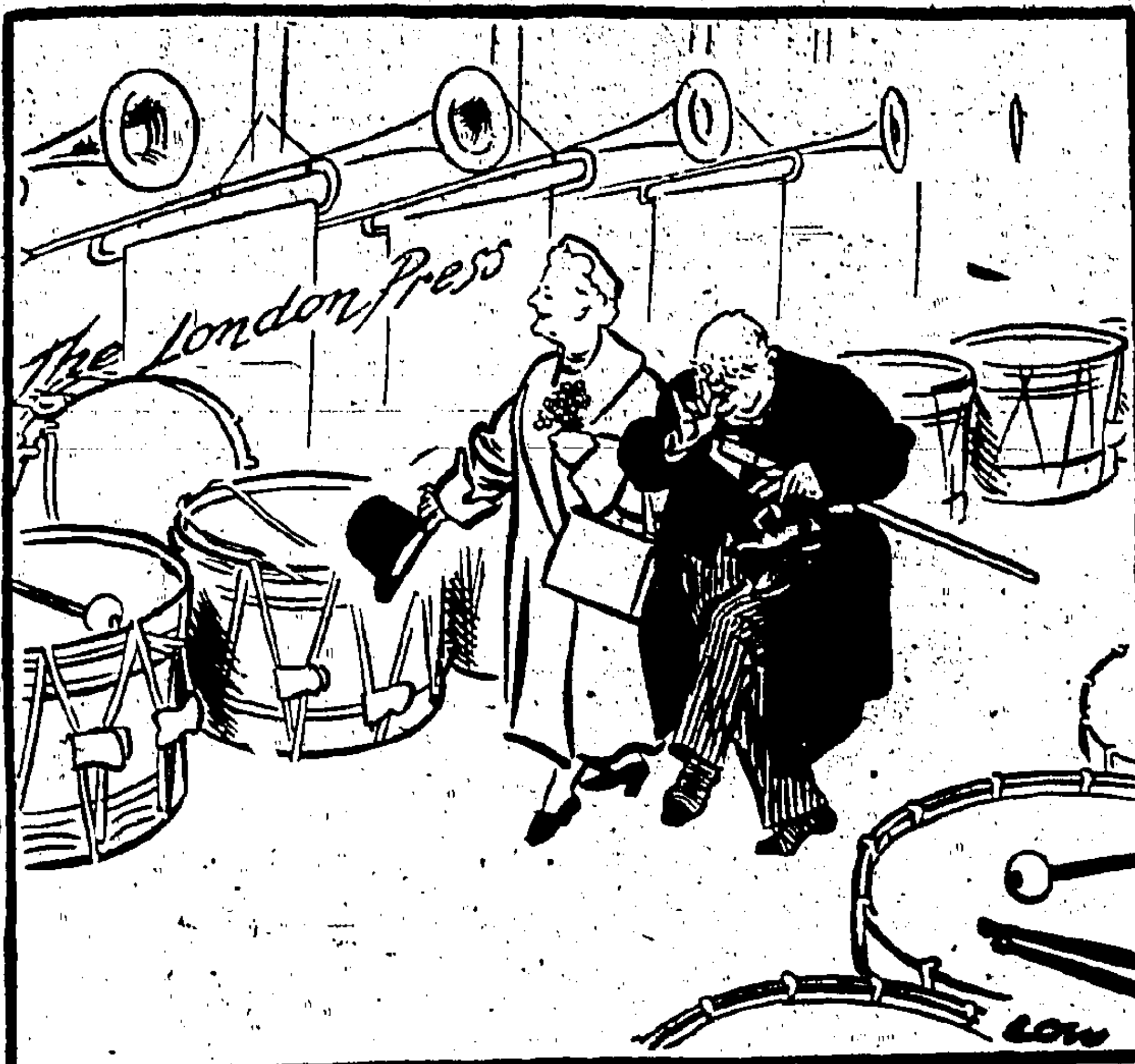
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EXPERIENCE COMES BEFORE SCIENCE

By H. Day

SCIENCE is beginning to overcome its destructive scepticism of some of the simpler forms of healing. Dr Henry Sigerist, of John Hopkins, one of the leading medical authorities in America, has said: "It is very unscientific to deny the experience of two thousand years merely because we have no ready-made theory that explains all phenomena in detail. It would have been foolish to deny the existence of lightning because electricity was not yet known. Experience has preceded science more than once."

Human beings vary vastly, and very little interference sometimes has startling results for which no one can offer a reason. The body then seems to transcend all laws of Nature, and still continue to function. In our ignorance we call such people "freaks," simply because we do not know the reasons for their strange behaviour.

About 30 years ago a Mrs Mable Ashworth, later to be known as the "Miracle Mother of Corby," was sitting on the sands near the pier at Blackpool, England, when someone threw a stone that knocked her unconscious. When she recovered, she discovered that the desire to eat was lost.

Change In Life

A nerve in her throat was affected and she found she could not swallow solids. Milk became her staple food. She could not drink tea unless it was very sweet, but in this form took not less than 4 lb of sugar a week. She continued in good health for some 20 years, and for all I know, is still alive.

There are people in whom some change has taken place, either before or after birth, or even late in life, for which doctors cannot account, but which makes them act differently from normal human beings. I suggest that healers are of this type. Sometimes they are born with the power to heal; sometimes it comes on them suddenly through some experience or accident; but occasionally this power is developed by the kind of life they lead, a life of devotion and sacrifice to the cause of humanity, which moulds and improves the mind and infuses mind the body with healing power.

Before the Second World War, a Mrs Sparkes, who practised as an osteopath in Bournemouth, possessed the unique gift of seeing through the human body. She would listen to symptoms, then look at the patient and say: "There is a little bone displaced in the base of your neck, probably due to a fall you had in childhood. Lie down and I shall put it right."

Suddenly

She cured dozens of patients who had gone the rounds of the hospitals without success. And this gift descended suddenly in the course of her work. One morning she was massaging a patient when she realised that she could see right through her body—bones, muscles and nerve centres. She then specialised not on physical ailments, but on the mentally deranged. With them she had phenomenal success.

Another "freak" is a man named Harry Kahne, who went to London a few years ago and was billed in a famous theatre where he baffled audiences with his act. Kahne maintained that people use only one-tenth of their brain power, and in this he was in line with foremost scientific opinion. He could write upside down and backwards, add up figures as fast as they were put down—single figures or in blocks, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. He could read, write and calculate at the same time, and he could decipher mirror writing.

Not A Freak

Kahne was not a freak. He had merely mastered a system of mental development that was his own secret. It earned him a fat living.

Professor J. J. Littlejohn, formerly of Oxford University, was another. He had a brain like a radio receiving station, for it received developed by the kind of life they lead, a life of devotion and sacrifice to the cause of humanity, which moulds and improves the mind and infuses mind the body with healing power.

underground and see it telepathically."

Littlejohn used to disconcert visitors by saying: "You left home at 10.15 by the back gate, walked through a muddy lane, caught a bus, stood all the way in a crowded train next to a woman in a red hat, and had a cup of coffee and two biscuits in a tea shop before coming here." He was always right.

He sometimes helped friends to trace objects they had lost or mislaid. He told a woman, whose jewels had been stolen, exactly what had happened to them, and said they would be replaced by the person who had taken them. They were. On one occasion he traced a missing man telepathically, and found him in Australia!

No Trickery

If Professor Littlejohn could see into the past and across oceans and continents—and there is little doubt that he could—then the Versailles Incident, in which a headmistress and a friend while walking in France saw a complete reproduction of a pre-Revolutionary scene, becomes credible.

Once, when a ring was lost, Littlejohn led the man who lost it through a wood, then stood and pointed—and there it lay. The odds against this being a mere coincidence are so many billions to one that we can dismiss it.

And what about people who bring reports out of the air? There is no trickery about that. They are always searched, placed in sealed cages and watched by reliable citizens, yet they produce fish, birds and objects that existed centuries ago. What is their power? Where do they get it? As we can't find a satisfactory answer, we call them fakers.

And what can we say about Reynard Beck, who lived in the little town of Dexter, Kansas? One morning he discovered to his dismay that his feet were lifting off the ground for no reason at all. He tried to sit, but found that his posterior was an inch off the seat. The force of gravity didn't seem

WHAT YOUNG RUSSIA WANTS TO READ

By BARLEY ALISON

A RECENT visitor to Russia, hoping to gain an insight into the subjects in which the Soviet-reading public are interested, eagerly inspected the well-filled suggestion books he found in Moscow book shops. To his surprise, the pages were filled with requests for books by Russian authors whose works are out of print.

In the main the requests were from young people, and the two most sought after books were by Ilf and Petrov. The names occurred once, sometimes twice, on every page. Next in popularity were the collected works of the poet Esenin, and third the works of Dostoevsky.

Requests for these works had, in most cases, been signed by groups of students.

Miss Alison broadcasts on art and international affairs and contributes articles on these subjects to a number of periodicals. During the war she worked with the French Resistance at its base in North Africa, and was afterwards on the staff of the British Embassy, Paris.

work of satire should have to die with them."

His plea was ignored, and now the books are published only in America—a country which, ironically, was also satirised by Ilf and Petrov. Possibly the Soviet authorities doubt whether life in Russia has, after all, changed very much since the bad old twenties.

The students' interest in Esenin's poetry is particularly significant. He epitomised the disillusionment which the realities of the Revolution brought to idealistic Russians.

Not To Taste

Esenin was born in 1895, of peasant stock, and grew up in an atmosphere of religious traditionalism. When the Revolution broke out, he welcomed it with enthusiasm, since he saw in it the hope of a peasant paradise. But he had little sympathy for the Communist Party's real aims.

At first, the difference of opinion between Esenin and the Soviet leaders was not apparent, and he was acclaimed as the poet of the new society. It was not long, however, before he discovered that the Revolution was not to his taste.

"In 1922 he turned his back on Russia and married the American dancer, Isadora Duncan. When his marriage broke up, he set out on a rowdy and drunken tour of the world, but by 1923 he was back again in Moscow, honestly trying to adjust himself to the new regime. But the attempt was a failure, and his poems became more critical and more pessimistic until he committed suicide in 1925. "The stern October has deceived me," he wrote with disillusioned frankness.

The last collection of Esenin's works was published in 1946, very carefully edited. It left out many of his best known poems, including some that had been greatly admired when he first wrote them.

No Explanation

That Russian students should wish to study Dostoevsky needs no explanation. He is, perhaps, the best known of the great Russian novelists, and no public library in the Western world would be without a shelf of his works. The Soviet citizen, however, is lucky if he can get hold of a copy of Crime and Punishment, and, if he is a young student, he is unlikely ever to have seen the other novels, since they have been unavailable for years. Since 1948 there has not even been a critical study of Dostoevsky's work.

It is unlikely that the Soviet authorities will accede to student demands for more inspiring reading matter. The dead hand of Party control over literature was firmly reimposed at the Writers' Congress in December 1954. But the suggestion books provide a fascinating glimpse of young Russians who are intellectually alive and who feel themselves "deceived by the stern October."

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ASIAN SPORTS REVIEW

FOUR PAKISTANI RECORDS GO AT NATIONAL ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four national athletic records went at the Fourth Pakistani "Olympic Games" held at Dacca, in East Pakistan, in the latter part of last month. Best of these was the Discus Throw mark of 148 feet by Lance-Naik Muhammad Ayyub of the Pakistan Army, the third best ever achieved by an Asian.

The other three new records were 12 feet 4 inches in the Pole Vault by Haviladar Wadi Khan, 23 feet 1 inch in the Long Jump by Lt. Imtiaz Ali Khan and 32 minutes 29 seconds for the 10,000 Metres run by Naik Mubarak Shah.

The most outstanding performance of the Championships was however, Haviladar Muhammad Iqbal's 189 feet 15 inch in the Hammer Throw. This was not Iqbal's best ever performance as he went over 190 feet at the White City, London, last year shortly after winning the British Empire Games title at Vancouver, Canada. But the mark again places him among the world's best in 1955.

A noteworthy feature of the Championships was the poor show put on by the Pakistani sprinters who won both sprint titles at the last Asian Games in Manila. A feature of Pakistani sprinting since 1948 has been the absolutely unpredictable form of their top men and this was very much in evidence at Dacca.

Sharif Butt won the 100 Metres final in 11.1 seconds with Aslam second and Abdul Aziz third. The Asian Champion, Abdul Khaliq, either did not compete or did not place. The 200 Metres Dash final was even more fantastically against all form of the past 15 months. Aslam, second at Manila, won in 22.5 seconds, with Abdul Aziz, second at the 1954 Asian Championships in 21.6 seconds, in 1952, and who could do better than 22.9 at Manila, the runner-up and Sharif Butt, the Asian Champion, third.

Other winners were: 400 Metres—Muhammad Abdullah, 50.0 seconds; 800 Metres—Alam Zeb, 4 minutes 2.3 seconds; 1,000 Metres—Alam Zeb, 1 minute 57.0 seconds; 400 Metres Hurdles—Khawja Kalim Ghani, 56.0 seconds; 10,000 Metres—Wahid Ditta, 56 minutes 2.0 seconds; 110 Metres Hurdles—Lt. Hanif Malik, 15.3 seconds; 5,000 Metres—Muhammad Yousof, 15 minutes 41.0 seconds; 3,000 Metres Steeplechase—Muhammad Yar, 9 mins. 43.5 secs.

High Jump—Abdul Raul Shah, 6 feet 1/2 inch; Hop, Step, Jump—Lt. Imtiaz Ali Khan, 45 feet 1/2 inch; Shot Put—Noor Khan, 45 feet 9 1/2 inches; Javelin Throw—Jalal Khan, 207 feet 7 1/2 inches.

There was a full Olympic programme of women's athletic events, but the performances were extremely poor as women's athletics is not as well followed in Pakistan as men's.

The 100 Metres was won in 16.6 seconds, the Long Jump at 34 feet 1/2 inch, the 80 Metres Hurdles in 15.8 seconds, the High Jump at 3 feet 10 inches, the 200 Metres in 31.8 seconds.

Performances in the women's throwing events were considered.

ably more promising for the future, the Discus Throw being won at 148 feet 2 1/2 inches, the Shot Put at 28 feet 2 1/2 inches and the Javelin Throw at 88 feet 4 inches, all three titles going to Miss Tahira Hamid.

The Pakistan Swimming Championships were also held at Dacca as a part of the "Olympics", but the standard remains very indifferent. The best performance was 1 minute 17.4 seconds for the 100 Metres Back Stroke by Muhammad Nazir.

HIGH STANDARD
Standards in the Fourth Annual Taiwan High School Championships, held at Tainan, from March 29 to April 1, were exceptionally high and compare very favourably with those at the All-India High Schools, the Hongkong Inter-School and the Philippines Bureau of Public Schools Championships, except for the girls' events in which the Philippines are very much stronger, and Hongkong was until the current season.

A great double was scored by Chang Tsao-chi, winner of the 800 Metres in 2 minutes 2.1 seconds and the 1,500 Metres in 11 minutes 20 seconds. This schoolboy athlete looks like developing into the greatest middle distance runner that Taiwan and China have produced.

The 400 Metres was won in a respectable 53.6 seconds by Chung Su-shi—faster time than the Hongkong Inter-School record, the Hop, Step and Jump at 13.87 metres (45 feet 6 1/2 inches) by Tsi Chung-chin at 10.4 metres (34 feet 3 1/2 inches) and the winning performance of 31.90 and 50.17 metres in the Discus and Javelin Throws were also good by schoolboy standards.

The schoolgirl marks were also good, including 28.5 seconds for the 200 Metres, 1.41 metres for the High Jump, 5.04 metres for the Long Jump, 10 metres for the Shot Put, 30.48 metres for the Discus Throw and 31.76 metres for the Javelin Throw.

INDIAN HOCKEY
Madras and the Services have become joint holders of the Rangaswamy Cup, the trophy for the Indian Hockey Championship, after a goalless draw in the replay at Madras on March 27.

Outstanding players in the match were Hardayal, the Services' centre-forward, Francis the Madras goalkeeper and N. Richter, Madras right-back.

The replay was hardly over when Mr N. M. Mukherjee, coach of the Indian hockey teams, the World Champions, at the last two Olympic Games, again warned of the serious decline in Indian hockey standards.

Defective umpiring was the main cause, Mr Mukherjee said, and this was upsetting the game of the rising stars. State hockey associations, he said, more often than not appointed "unmerited persons" to umpire important games as a result of "party politics".

Mr Mukherjee suggested that no umpires be considered for important matches until they had first passed a practical test and had been under observation in practice for a whole year while at the same time attending regular umpires' coaching classes.

MANKAD APPOINTED
Vinoo Mankad, captain of India's cricket team, has been appointed under the Rajkumari Sports Coaching Scheme as one of two official coaches to young Indian cricketers.

The coaching scheme will be conducted from mid-October to March. Mankad joined Shute Bannerjee attached to the Scheme as coach for the past two years.

Mankad will assume his duties when he returns from England where he is playing in the Hampshire (Lancashire) League. The cricket coaching scheme will include six-week camps at Poona, Bangalore, Dehra Dun and possibly Delhi.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
An All-India Women's Hockey Association has finally been formed in India with 10 states affiliated. Mrs Edna Ricketts is the first Chairman.

The Association was founded at Calcutta on March 26 when a tournament on a national scale was also conducted for women's teams. This was won by the Bengal Tigers.

CHINA'S TEAM TO MEET ENGLAND

The following were selected, at a meeting held at the Ying King Restaurant yesterday, to represent China in the international soccer series against England on April 17: Wei Fat-kim (KMB), Han Yung-sang (Sung Tao), Lau Vee (South China), Chan Fai-hung (Kitchener), Ko Po-keung (South China), Tong Sheng (South China), Ho Yung-tun (Kitchener), Ho Cheung-yau (South China), Lee Yau-tak (South China), Tse Chai-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China), Restorres (Cheung Koon-hing (Kitchener), Lau Chi-ping (South China), Tang Sum (KMB), Cheung Kam-hoi (Sung Tao), Chu Wai-keung (Kitchener), Szeio Man (KMB), Lo Kwok-lai (Sung Tao).

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Dolinar Can Take World Table Tennis Title

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

The "United Nations" of Table tennis will be in session at Utrecht, Holland today until April 24. While sports goods manufacturers glow with pride at the constant use of their wares, players from every corner of the globe, with a widely differing assortment of dress, headgear, bats and temperament, fight it out for the sports' greatest honour — a world title.

If the recent English championships are anything to go by, there will be fun and games and shocks too. I'm siding with former Champion Victor Barna in backing two extremely skillful gentlemen from behind the Iron Curtain for top honours.

Yugoslavia's sponge ace, Doctor Zarko Dolinar, new England Singles Champion, is my No. 1. Right behind him is the classical Ivan Andreadis, of Czechoslovakia, an orthodox rubber bat user.

I'm not forgetting the challenge of the World's premier table tennis country, Japan; top dog, now she can call on more than one million players. But current holder Ogimura has followed his countrymen and former Champions Satoh and Fujii into comparative obscurity. Why?

The answer probably lies in their use of the penholder grip. Covering the whole table with what amounts to little more than a forehead, requires terrific concentration and expert footwork. It is possible, therefore, that they have burnt themselves out.

Dolinar is a "sponger". He is also a penholder. But with a difference. The Yugoslav varies his play with a mixture of back hand and half volley. Consequently he stands less risk of "burning" himself out.

Andreadis, we know, failed in the English championships, going out to young Yorkshireman Brian Kennedy. But without detracting anything in the way of credit from Kennedy I believe this was just one of those things.

ORDINARY RUBBER
Nobody can deny the skill, the class of Ivan Andreadis, one of the few Czechs to use ordinary rubber, and one of the nicest fellows ever to walk out to the table.

Andreadis lacks only one important thing in a Champion's make-up—temperament when

the points are mounting up against him.

Sido of Hungary, and Yugoslavia's Hargitacs, will be there again. But I feel for them it will be a repeat performance—so near, yet so far.

England's challenge comes from former World title holders Richard Bergmann and Johnny Leach. Bergmann was not at his best in the English 'Open'. But that was not altogether surprising, coming as it did for him almost on top of a globe-trotting exhibition tour. Leach provided a more pleasant surprise.

After two years of mediocre results he came back to world class with a wonderful display against Dolinar in the semi-finals, pulling up from two games down, before losing in the fifth.

If Hungarian Angelica Rozeanu, for whom this will probably be a last attempt, takes the women's title, she will have established a record—six consecutive victories.

EGUCHI AND TANAKA

EGUCHI and Tanaka of Japan, and Austrian Linda Wertz will provide tough opposition, and so will England's Rosalind Rowe, providing she can master her impetuosity.

The Corbillion Cup—the women's team event—may come to England for the third time.

The Swaythling Cup—for men—is open. Yugoslavia, Japan, and Rumania all have a chance. At least, that's the way it looks. But with a back-to-back Johnny Leach to inspire his younger, less experienced colleagues, look out for surprises from England.

Japan To Defend Three Titles At World Table Tennis Championships

Utrecht, Holland, Apr. 15.

Japan will defend three titles—the Men's and Women's team events and the Men's Singles—in the World Table Tennis championships which begin here today.

About 350 players from a record number of 35 countries will take part in the championships which will be filmed and televised.

Only Pakistan's participation is in doubt since no team lists have been submitted to the Organising Committee.

Ichiro Ogimura has been seeded number one in the Men's Singles which he won in London last year. Outstanding opponents in his half of the draw are England's Richard Bergmann, four times World Champion, Hungary's Ferenc Sido, winner in 1953, and Yugoslavia's Zarko Dolinar, they are seeded fourth, fifth and seventh respectively.

Heading the top half of the draw is Czechoslovakia's Ivan Andreadis, seeded number two. He, Rene Roothoof, France, number eight, and Sweden's Tage Flisberg, number three, provide the strongest challenge in this half of the draw to Japan's Yoshio Tomita, seeded number six.

Japan's runnerup in the Women's Singles last year, Miss Yoshiko Tanaka, is seeded number five and is in the bottom half of the draw in which her strongest rivals are Japan's Fujie Eguchi, seeded number two, Austria's Linda Wertz, number three, and Hungary's Eva Kocsian, number eight.

The championships open with matches in the Swaythling and Corbillion cup team events for Men and Women respectively in which they will

defend the titles they won in London. Japan should start off with three easy wins against Belgium, Australia and South Vietnam in the Swaythling Cup on Saturday. The women should have little difficulty in beating Ireland, Egypt and France in their opening matches.

The groupings are Swaythling Cup—

Group 1—Czechoslovakia, France, Brazil, Egypt, Netherlands, Pakistan, Italy, Jersey, Guernsey.

Group 2—Hungary, United States, Sweden, Ireland, Bulgaria, Portugal, Finland, Denmark.

Group 3—Japan, Yugoslavia, South Vietnam, Australia, Belgium, Austria, Scotland, Norway.

Group 4—England, Rumania, Germany, (Combined), Wales, Spain, Switzerland, Saar, Lebanon.

CORBILION CUP

Group 1—Hungary, Rumania, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Bulgaria, Denmark, Pakistan.

Group 2—Japan, Czechoslovakia, France, Egypt, Netherlands, Saar, Ireland.

Group 3—England, Austria, Wales, United States, Germany (Combined), Sweden, Switzerland, Italy—Reiller.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)



Ivan Andreadis, holder of World Mixed Doubles and Austrian Singles. Ranked No. 2 in the world, and considered one of the most stylish players ever, Andreadis was knocked out of the English 'Open' championships by Brian Kennedy, one of England's newest internationals. Ivan is one of the few Czech players who do not use sponge.—London Express Photo.

Should The FA Send A Soccer Team To Melbourne Games?

By ARCHIE QUICK

The Football Association are on the horns of a dilemma. The question is shall they, or shall they not, send a team to compete in the Olympic Games at Melbourne next November. Almost certainly they will—but

This is the first time the Games have been played in the Southern Hemisphere, and that means they will take place during the English playing season; it also means that a player must be away from his club, and, more important still, from his work for the best part of a month. That is economically difficult these days.

The FA have never refused to compete yet because they are looked upon to give a lead, and Australia would be bitterly disappointed if they refused, but Scotland and Ireland have already notified that they will not be competing.

There is also a little matter of £12,000 costs. A lot of good could be done for amateur football in this country with that amount of money. The Games, however, are being staged inside the Commonwealth, so it becomes a matter of prestige. The difficulty of finding the

players able and willing to go persists.

With opposition coming from state-aided "amateurs" from the Continent and South America it is quite possible that the trip across the world would be to play only one or two matches before inevitable elimination.

There seems to be no escape avenue, except that only 18 teams will compete at Melbourne so that there will have to be a certain amount of knock-out preliminary unless given exemption. There seems, however, no way in which to bar the "amateurs".

On the question of clubs being deprived of the players' services, the FA, of course, have first call, but I talked with the honorary secretary of a senior club, Mr Stanley Greene, of Hendon—this year's Amateur Cup Finalists at Wembley—and he said: "No club would dream of offering objection."

"We want our players to have their honours and, at the same time, it is an honour for the club. Hendon would probably lose at least two players and it would make a bit of a farce of the League, but what does it matter this one isolated occasion? I do not think it would be practicable to suspend the League for a period because we have congestion of fixtures bad enough as it is. Anyhow, November is our busy time in connection with Cup early rounds."

Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 1.
Boston Red Sox 8, New York Yankees 4.
Washington Senators 5, Baltimore Orioles postponed, rain—out.

Springbok Tennis Players Are Underrated, John Bromwich Says

Johannesburg, Apr. 14. South African tennis players are underrated and they should spring many surprises on European courts this year, Australian veteran tennis Champion John Bromwich said here today.

Bromwich said for home on Saturday after a two-month visit to the Union of South Africa.

He said, "South Africa has not been regarded as a potential winning force in international competitions, such as the Davis Cup. We all knew Eric Sturges was a wonderful player, but that to us was the start and finish of South African tennis."

"The first inkling we had of the high standard of the game here was during last year's South African tour of Australia. Now I feel that if one took the best 20 players in South Africa, with the best 20 in Australia and the best 20 in the United States,

South Africa could hold its own."—France-Press.

Taca Lusitania Bowls Match Set For April 30
To initiate the new season a match between sides to be captained by the President and the Secretary of Recreio has been arranged for Saturday, commencing at 10 a.m. The match will be played at the Club de Recreio, on Saturday, April 30. Each club will be represented by eight teams.

ROYAL H.K. DEFENCE FORCE ORDERS

Serial No. 15. Orders By Lieutenant-Colonel O. F. Newton Dunn, Commandant Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated April 12, 1955.

FORCE ORDERS

Holiday—Headquarters RHDF will be closed on Thursday April 14, 1955.

Audit Board—An Audit Board composed as under will assemble at the Adm Offr's office at RHDF HQ on Thursday April 14, 1955 at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of auditing such accounts as may be presented.

President—Colonel C. C. Mundy, MBE, ED. Members—An Officer to be detailed by CO HKADAF. An Officer to be detailed by CO HKAAF.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Int Platoon—Tuesday April 12, 1955. RHDF HQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muli.

RECCS Platoon—Thursday April 14, 1955. Queen's Birthday Parade—Selected Personnel.

Artillery Battery—Field Troop Advances Class—Friday April 15, 1955. Muli. TARA III Class, Friday April 15, 1955. 8.30 p.m. Muli. RHDF Muli. Signals, Monday April 18, 1955. 3.30 p.m. Signals Hut MFG. Muli. C & R Troop—Monday April 18, 1955. Parade Area. 8.30 p.m. for SOC. Dress: Muli.

THE HONGKONG REGIMENT

Training—'A' Coy—Tuesday April 12, 1955. Pay Parade. Map reading (NOC) 2nd Shoot (2 P.M.) RV MFG for RHQ 5.15 p.m. Dress: No. 3. Interviews with OC for April 19, 1955 as instructed. Thursday April 14, 1955. See Notice for Queen's Birthday parade instructions. 'B' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'C' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'D' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'E' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'F' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'G' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'H' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'I' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'J' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'K' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'L' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'M' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'N' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'O' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'P' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'Q' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'R' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'S' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. Parade. 'T' Coy Monday April 18, 1955. 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DEATHS

ANDERSON—Capt. George, retired
founder Anderson and Ashie on
April 12, 1955 at home, 2100 Ray
Drive, Burlingame, California
after long illness.

KO-KO HO—Wing, aged 77, passed
away peacefully at his residence,
515, The Peak, Hong Kong at
8 a.m. on April 14, 1955. The
corpse will leave his residence
at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April
16, 1955 and will be buried at
Tung Shing Road at about
2 p.m. Interment at Chinese
Burmese Cemetery, Wanchai.
No flowers by request. Donations
to charity.

FOR SALE

GOLD MEDAL—Enriched Flour,
America's leading brand, is now
available at the Dairy Farm.

WANTED KNOWN

DR. SCHOLL'S Foot Comfort Service,
Telephone House (Kowloon)
Kowloon provides the expert atten-
tion your feet deserve — by London-
qualified chiropodist.

STAMPS

STAMP ALBUMS — "Collection
Builder" series. New stock now
available. \$1. From South China
Morning Post Ltd., Wanchai.
Something Exclusive. Collectors
packets of assorted stamps.
From 20 cents per packet upwards.
An entirely new series. South
China Morning Post Ltd., Wanchai.
Business, Hong Kong and Salisbury
Road, Kowloon.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ROPE
MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given
that the Sixty-Sixth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of Share-
holders will be held at the
offices of the Company, No. 9 Ice House Street, Fourth
Floor, Hong Kong, on Thurs-
day, 5th May 1955, at Noon,
for the purpose of receiving
the Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the Directors
for the year ended 31st
December 1954, and to trans-
act the ordinary business of
the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be closed
from Thursday, 21st April
1955 until Thursday, 5th May
1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
Shewan-Tomes & Co., Ltd.
R. V. LEDERHOFER,
Director,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 15th Apr., 1955.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"PERSEUS"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
be surveyed by Messrs. Paulsen &
Boyes-Davry at Hoi's Wharf from 10
a.m. on April 18 and 19, 1955, and
consignees are requested to have
their representatives present during
the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hong Kong, April 15, 1955.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FAST PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE
"CAMBODGE" sailing May 21st
"LAOS" sailing Jan. 18th

FAST FREIGHT SERVICE
"MEINAM" sailing Apr. 18th
"PEIHO" sailing May 12th

Reds Forgot The Law In Sweden

EMPLOYERS PAID £24,000 DAMAGES

Stockholm, Apr. 14.
Communist agitators here have received a
sharp reminder that unofficial strikes are punished
in Socialist Sweden.

The reminder, a published judgment of the
Labour Court, comes at a time when management
and labour here are grappling with a national
wages problem.

Over 2,000 dockers in 12
Swedish ports, who went on un-
official strikes lasting from six
hours to six days, have been
sentenced to pay their employ-
ers damages totalling nearly
£24,000 (about \$24,000,
sterling).

PAY EMPLOYERS
Their unions in eight of
the ports have been ordered
to pay the employers dam-
ages totalling 28,100 crowns
(about £2,800).

Led by Communist stewards
and against the advice of their
union leaders, the dockers struck
against the collective agreement
made by their union with their
employers early last year.

This collective agreement,
like all others made each year
by unions and employers' fed-
erations up and down Swe-
den, was a legal contract.
Either party to a legal contract
can sue the other for any breach
of it. Moreover, any action for
breach can be brought not only
against the union (or the
federation if it is guilty of
breach) but also against its
members.

The strikers' employers in the
12 ports invoked this law to
hail them before the Labour
Court. This court, established
in 1928 by Act of Parliament,
has seven members: two nomi-
nated by the Trade Unions
Federation, two nominated by
the Employers' Central Federa-
tion and three impartial mem-
bers.

There is no appeal against
the Labour Court's decisions,
but the maximum damages it
can award against a worker are
200 crowns (about £14). There
is no limit, at least in theory,
to the damages which can be
awarded against a federation or
a union.

The employers sued each of
the strikers for the full 200
crowns damages. They sued the
unions for the amount which
they estimated that the union
officials strike had cost their
business. This amount, varied
from port to port.
None of the strikers denied
that the stoppages were un-
official. The strikers had not
given the statutory seven days'
notice of their intention to stop
work. Nor had they obtained
the customary "nod of assent"
from the trade unions central
federation.

SOME ACQUITTED
Some proved that they
had stopped work through
illness and were acquitted.
Others pleaded extenuating
circumstances in as much as
they had been misled by
Communist agitators into
striking without realising
that they were guilty of
breach of contract.

Where the Court accepted
this plea, it reduced the dam-
ages to 150, 100 or even 50
crowns.
The unions could disclaim
responsibility for the breach
only where they could prove to
the court that they had taken
all reasonable measures to
dissuade the dockers from
striking.

The four unions able to prove
this were acquitted, but the
eight others had to pay sums
ranging from 15,000 crowns
(about £1,000) to 300 crowns
(about £20).

A handful of sympathisers
handed the 2,000 men bouquets
of red flowers as they filed into
court at the different sittings
and the Communist Press
branded it as a "class tribunal."
These were, however, the criti-
cisms of a very small minority.
The overwhelming majority of
trade unionists upheld the Court's
findings.

There have been no strikes,
meetings, processions or demon-
strations of sympathy of any
kind since the publication of the
proceedings and findings of the
Court.

This is because the Labour
Court has a firm reputation for
impartiality. Indeed, of the 2,000
or so cases, ranging from small
grievances to unofficial strikes
or lock-outs, which it has judged
in its 26 years of existence,
about 2,500 have been brought

unions against managements.
Public acceptance of the
principle that unofficial strikes
shall be actionable may also be
due to the general calmness of
Sweden's labour relations, as
reflected in the official statistics
of strikes, lock-outs and other
troubles, all of which are rare
in Sweden.

The Swedes are justly proud
of this tradition, although it will
be strained in 1955.

THE MOST DIFFICULT
Negotiations for the new
collective wages agreements
for this year have proved to be
the most difficult since
World War II.

The unions started by claim-
ing increases equal to the total
amount which Sweden will
spend on social welfare this
year. The employers, through
Mr. Bertil Kugelberg, director
of their Central Federation,
gave warning that if these or
even smaller quoted increases
were granted, Sweden would be
one of the first countries to go
under in a world economic
crisis.

The Socialist Government,
which the unions generally sup-
port, urged them to moderation
in their claims and introduced
a new purchase tax on cars and
a levy on investments made in
industry and agriculture.

Mr. Axel Strand, Chairman of
the Trade Unions Federation,
criticised both measures in
Parliament and told his friends
in the Cabinet that the unions
could not give up their claims.

—China Mail Special.

Gas Workers On Strike In Amsterdam



Practically all the inhabitants of Amsterdam, Holland, are affected by the strike of gas workers in the city. There is no gas for cooking and all the local garages and stores are selling petrol and paraffin as fast as they can for cooking and heating purposes. Picture shows: lining up for petrol at a garage in Amsterdam.—Express Photo.

Proposed International Finance Corporation Charter

Washington, Apr. 14.

The World Bank today transmitted to its 56 member
governments for approval the charter of the proposed Inter-
national Finance Corporation.

This organisation is to help
private enterprises, particularly
in underdeveloped nations, with
new capital funds.

The Corporation, with an au-
thorised capital of \$100,000,000
subscribed by its members, will
come into operation when 30
nations have put up at least
\$75,000,000.

Its investment activities will
be confined to member coun-
tries, thus excluding the Soviet
Union and its associated states.
Spokesmen for the World
Bank, of which the new Cor-

poration is an affiliate, said they
were hopeful that Congress
would approve United States
membership in the current
session with other countries
taking similar action it was con-
ceivable that the Corporation
would be in operation before the
end of this year.

To encourage the growth of
productive private businesses in
member countries, the cor-
poration would:

1. Invest in such undertakings
with private investors and
without government guarantee
in cases where sufficient private
capital was not available on
reasonable terms.
2. Seek to recruit capital from
private sources and if necessary
find experienced management.
3. Seek to stimulate the flow
of both domestic and interna-
tional private investment into
productive industry.—Reuter.

Frogmen And Divers Invade Israel's Four Seas

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 14.

Underwater adventurers, members of an
eleven-man "Jonas" expedition, have invaded
Israel's four seas.

Human "sea monsters" from France, Belgium
and Switzerland, are exploring under the waters of
the Red Sea, off Elath; in the ancient Mediter-
ranean port of Caesarea; in the Sea of Galilee;
and in the Dead Sea—where they are seeking
signs of life in its heavy salt-laden water.

These queerly-clad sportmen
wearing goggles, rubber flippers
and antennae-like apparatus are
becoming a frequent sight along
the Mediterranean shores.
Armed with air-guns, and some-
times carrying heavy aqua-lung
equipment, they have invaded
many nooks and creeks.

30,000 MEMBERS

The present "Jonas" 11-
man expedition to Israel's
four seas was organised by
the Club Mediterranée
which boasts 30,000 mem-
bers in France, Belgium,
Britain, Switzerland and
the Scandinavian countries.
At its head is a former pilot,
Mr. Jean Albert Foex, editor of
two French magazines devoted
to the excitement of underwater
sports and the thrills of sub-
marine exploration.

Two motion pictures will
constitute the group's main
"catch." Experienced camera-
men-divers are shooting the
expedition's day by day under-
water adventures. Serge de
Sazo and his wife, Simone, are
to take a 16-mm colour
documentary film which will
run for 40 minutes.

Michael Rocca, nicknamed the
"slave driver" by his submarine
friends, is shooting with an ex-
pensive cine-panoramic lens
camera two 35-mm colour
feature films which will run for
80 minutes.

Members of the expedition on
the shores of the Red Sea
hardly look like holidaymakers
out to indulge in a pleasant
hobby. They are more like
devotees of Poseidon, the an-

cient Greek sea god, seriously
engaged in an important ritual.
But there go Charles Kluge,
a middle-aged businessman
from Zurich, Roger Grange, a
young chemical engineer from
Marseille, Andre Meunier, who
runs a cleaning business in
Paris, and his wife, Yvette, a
pretty brunette who is an
excellent frog-woman.

They plunge into the warm
waters of the gulf bathing the
shores of Israel, Saudi-Arabia,
Jordan and Egypt. As they
emerge from the sea, dripping,
exhausted after two, three or
even four hours of chasing
"sea monsters," or cutting out
beautiful corals, there are few
people on earth happier than
these sub-marine adventurers.

Already, they have speared
their first barracuda off Elath.
They have encountered man-
eating, blind sharks piloted in
the gulf's clear waters by their
"seeing" small fish.

POISON FISH
They have caught poison-
fish resembling pre-historic
monsters, parrot-fish with
human-like teeth, and a
huge colourful octopus.
They have literally rubbed
shoulders with thousands of
fish of all colours and
shapes.

To achieve their ends, the
sub-marine adventurers are
ready to go to great lengths not
only on the bed of the sea.
Warned beforehand that drink-
ing water at Elath is quite a
problem because of its high
magnesium content, the leaders
of the expedition shrugged their
shoulders.

"We shall solve that problem
easily," they declared.
Surprised Israeli customs
officials saw the solution in the
form of 600 litres of French
wine brought by the expedition
as a substitute for water.

The wine-drinking divers,
who are normally gourmets,
readily agreed to go without
lunch and have sandwiches
instead. "It is a pity to waste
the sunny hours and the warm
waters of the sea just for the
sake of a proper meal," they
explained.

Off Elath, the group nearly
lost its leader. Equipped with
his aqua-lung, M. Foex had
dived to a depth of ten metres
(just over 32 feet), quite re-
cently, when suddenly bubbles of
air rose to the surface at the spot.
He emerged a minute later, pale
and shaken. His air-life-line
was torn at the base of the
compressed air container. Had
he dived to a greater depth,
the sudden quick surfacing
could have been fatal.

Marcel Contal of Paris, the
lanky Emilie John of Bruxelles,
and the other Belgian, Oscar
Friedman, are all having the
time of their lives at Elath.

AN EXPERIENCE
The whole party believes
that diving in the Dead Sea
will be quite an experience.
Not only is this lake the
lowest on the surface of the
earth—1,282 feet below sea
level—but its high salt con-
tent of some 25 per cent
makes the water very
buoyant and the problems
on diving there will
provide stories worth taking
back home.

It is unlikely that any sea
monsters will be found by the
expedition to the Dead Sea. It
is quite clear that there is no
life in its waters, but the search
for any signs of it will be
thrilling.

In the port of Caesarea, mem-
bers of the expedition might
find many a buried treasure.
Once Roman, Greek and
Phoenician ships anchored in
the harbour built by Herod the
Great. Important archaeological
remains may still be hidden be-
tween the fallen marble pillars
and columns which have been
washed by the waves for more
than twenty centuries.

When the goggled adventurers
come to this ancient port,
cameras are sure to be busy,
even though the archaeological
hunt may be fruitless.—China
Mail Special.

Cape Town, Apr. 14.
The Europeans in South Africa
were, endangering themselves
because they had started dipping
the casual forms of anti-racial
the Minister of Labour, Senator
Jan de Klerk at Goodwood, near
Cape Town.

"Today the women in the
home must have a servant," he
said. "His daughter will no
longer get down on her knees
and do a floor." The daughters
are becoming poorer housewives
than their mothers.

On the farms, coloured
people or natives sit on the
tractors, plough, plant and reap.
The white men content them-
selves with the role of col-
lecting the cheque.—China Mail
Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Leo Falk and Phil Davis



FERD'NAND

By Milk



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES FIRM IN ACTIVE MARKET

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 14. Selective demand for a wide variety of special stocks highlighted an irregular, but moderately active session today.

Specials pushed to the fore in mid-afternoon and final gains ranged to more than 4 points in a number of issues.

The rise—seven in a row for industrials—lifted the group to a new all-time high average at 422.46. Rails failed to pick up with the industrials, however, and slipped from the 25-year peak set yesterday.

Turnover for the day amounted to 2,890,000 shares, compared with 2,820,000 yesterday and most for the month so far.

Early trading was marked by considerable profit-taking, stemming in part from the move by the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank to stiffen credit a bit by increasing its rediscount rate—a move which is expected other reserve banks will follow.

A few leaders climbed on the downside but for the most part the day's news centered on upside features.

PACE-SETTERS

Sperry Corp. and Remington Rand, which will merge, were pace-setters with Sperry up more than 7 points and Remington more than 4.

Chrysler Corporation, with company officials predicting a record year in 1955, spurred nearly 3 points on demand which put it second on the active list, topped only by Anco Manufacturing which improved drastically. General Motors added more than a point.

Western Union continued in demand as officials outlined a highly optimistic outlook for the company. It ran up more than 3 points.

Olin-Mathieson and Blockson Chemical continued to move up with talk of a merger in the background.

Both Aluminum Ltd and Granite City Steel responded to good earnings reports.

Of a total 1,205 issues traded, 926 were lower, 444 higher.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,670,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 890,000 shares.

Dow-Jones closing averages were as follows:

30 Industrials 422.46
20 Rails 156.30
15 Utilities 64.68
40 Stocks 158.10
40 Bonds 89.80
Comm. future price index 158.60

YESTERDAY'S PRICES

Alden Inc. Apr.	101.10
Allied Chemicals	53.75
Alle Chem. Apr.	53.75
American Metal	53.75
American Smelting	53.75
American Tel. & Tel.	53.75
American Tobacco "B"	53.75
Anacostia Copper	53.75
Armour	53.75
Baltimore & Ohio	53.75
Bendix Aviat. Corp.	53.75
Bethlehem Steel	53.75
Boeing Airplane	53.75
Canadian Pac. Railway	53.75
Case (F. I.) Co.	53.75
Chile Copper	53.75
Chrysler Motor	53.75
Commercial Credit	53.75
Consolidated Edison	53.75
Continental Steel	53.75
Corn Products	53.75
Crane Co.	53.75
Cuban American Sugar	53.75
Curtis Wright	53.75
General Electric	53.75
General Foods	53.75
General Motors	53.75
Gillette Safety Razor	53.75
Goodrich (B. F.) Co.	53.75
Goodrich Tire & Rubber	53.75
Homestead Mining Co.	53.75
International Business	53.75
Machinery	53.75
International Harvester	53.75
International Nickel	53.75
International Paper	53.75
International Tel. & Tel.	53.75
John-Manville Co.	53.75
Lockheed Aircraft	53.75
Lowes Iron	53.75
Long Star Cement Co.	53.75
Montgomery Ward	53.75
National Cash Register "A"	53.75
National Lead	53.75
National Steel	53.75
New York Central	53.75
Otis Elevator	53.75
Pacific Gas & Electric	53.75
Packard Corporation	53.75
Petroleum	53.75
Petroleum Products	53.75
Republic Steel	53.75
Shill Oil Co.	53.75
Sinclair Oil	53.75
Society Vacuum	53.75
Southern Railway (Com.)	53.75
Standard Brands	53.75
Standard Oil of California	53.75
Standard Oil of Indiana	53.75
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	53.75
Swift & Co.	53.75
Texas Co.	53.75
Union Carbide	53.75
Union Pacific Railway	53.75
United Fruit	53.75
U.S. Gypsum	53.75
U.S. Steel	53.75
U.S. Rubber	53.75
United States Smelting	53.75
U.S. Steel	53.75
Walter Reed	53.75
Westinghouse Electric	53.75
Woolworth	53.75

No Holiday Dullness
DERBY PRIZE MONEY ON
HK STOCK EXCHANGE?

By A Special Correspondent

The Easter break brought nothing of the customary holiday dullness to the Hongkong Stock Exchange either last week or this week and when a busy afternoon call ended yesterday most shares were showing a fairly firm front.

Among the highlights of the week were:—

- The jump in Telephones following the announcement of Government changes in the company's franchise.
- The rise in Unions to a new high of \$1.025
- New demand for Cement shares sending them to \$29.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Apr. 14. Cotton trading today was a quiet, narrow and irregular session.

Liverpool brokers were small-scale buyers of May against sales of later positions, supposedly to transfer hedges forward.

Other traders eyed-up May contracts anticipating first rise day on April 25—six trading sessions hence. Open contract in May at the start of trading today totalled 589,700 bales.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported loan, entered for the week ended April 13 totalled 10,300 bales. Withdrawals amounted to 14,700 bales, including 10,000 bales from the 1954 loan and 4,200 bales from the 1953 stock.

The net stock of cotton in Government hands included 2,817,805 bales from the 1954 crop and 4,916,875 bales from the loan programme.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	41,800	589,700
July	25,200	851,500
Oct.	18,800	345,500
Dec.	17,200	301,700
Mar.	14,800	467,700
May	5,900	164,500
July	5,700	47,700
Total	123,200	2,468,900 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	Volume	Open Interest
May	41,800	589,700
July	25,200	851,500
Oct.	18,800	345,500
Dec.	17,200	301,700
Mar.	14,800	467,700
May	5,900	164,500
July	5,700	47,700
Total	123,200	2,468,900 bales

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. American middling were as follows:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May/June	30,840	30,840
July/Aug.	20,320	20,320
Oct./Nov.	20,320	20,320
Dec./Jan.	20,320	20,320
Mar./Apr.	20,320	20,320

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
May	23.10	23.10
July	23.10	23.10
Oct.	23.10	23.10
Dec.	23.10	23.10
Mar.	23.10	23.10

In the United States, the average price of 15/16 middling at ten designated spot markets was unavailable today. Sales at these centres totalled 10,074 bales.

New Orleans prices were not received—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

Country	Rate
Canada	1.01 5/8
England-unofficial	2.50-2.75
France	2.75
Australia	2.25
Belgium	2.25

London Foreign Exchange

Country	Rate
New York	2.75-2.76 1/8
Montreal	2.75-2.76 1/8
Amsterdam	10.25-10.30
Brussels	14.20-14.25
Copenhagen	12.20-12.40
Paris	11.50-11.55
Stockholm	11.75-11.78
Others	unchanged—United Press

The short week before Easter and the two and a half trading days since have shown a marked increase in activity; probably some of the Derby sweepstakes prize money is finding its way into the market as the dazed but happy winners slowly recovering from the sudden windfall of a few thousand dollars look around for a sound investment.

Well, to any who are contemplating a share investment, my tips at short odds would be Cements, and at longer odds, Wheelocks and Yaumatis.

Telephones came in for a sudden demand when the news began circulating in Ice House Street that Government was going to make changes in the company's franchise. About 68,000 shares have changed hands since last Thursday and the price has risen from \$31 1/2 to \$32 1/2.

The effect of the change is, I understand, simply to bring that company's franchise into line with those held by other utility companies in Hongkong and higher dividends and new issues of shares are now possible.

Investors are possibly hoping that the changes—which the company has been advocating for many years—will bring increased dividends this year. Brokers point out, however, in an endeavour to temper excessive optimism, that the changes are not likely to bring about any exciting increase in the company's earnings.

UNIONS' BONDS

Unions new bonus issue of one for every nine held and its increased final dividend (up from \$1.10 to \$1.26) stimulated demand for these shares which for months now have been fluctuating quietly and unspectacularly. This week they rose to an all time high of \$1.025 on the sale of a small parcel, and it is obvious that the pre-Easter announcement was well received on the market.

Cements continue to do well. This week they stand at \$23.90 and touched \$29 on Wednesday.

World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Apr. 14. The rubber prices eased slightly with sellers freer. There were some factory interest and trade buying towards the close.

Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	90% 80%
April	80% 80%
May	80% 80%
June	80% 80%
July	80% 80%
Aug.	80% 80%
Sept.	80% 80%
Oct.	80% 80%
Nov.	80% 80%
Dec.	80% 80%
Jan.	80% 80%
Feb.	80% 80%
Mar.	80% 80%

NEW YORK

Futures closed today 35 to 60 points lower with sales of 123 contracts.

The terminal market follows the lower trend at London and Singapore, while factory buyers continued to mark time in the spot market. Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted at 31 1/2 cents a pound, nominal. Futures:

Month	Rate
May	31.50-35
July	30.50
September	29.50
December	28.50
March	27.50

LONDON

The market was rather steady with spot down 1/2 penny to 26 1/8 pence. Prices:

No. 1 RSS spot	26 1/8-26 1/2
Settlement house term	26 1/8-26 1/2
May	26 1/8-26 1/2
July	26 1/8-26 1/2
September	26 1/8-26 1/2
December	26 1/8-26 1/2
March	26 1/8-26 1/2

General markets, off basis, ports:

Month	Rate
April	25 1/2-26
May	25 1/2-26
June	25 1/2-26
July	25 1/2-26
August	25 1/2-26
September	25 1/2-26
October	25 1/2-26
November	25 1/2-26
December	25 1/2-26
January	25 1/2-26
February	25 1/2-26
March	25 1/2-26

largely, I hear, on better trading results. These shares will continue to do well on present prospects.

Still no sellers of Wharves and the brokers attribute their present rise to buyers' \$74 to the complete lack of scrip on the market. The puzzle is why the demand which the prospects for this company are not awfully cheerful in the coming year. Brokers are surprised by the continued rise in buyers' rates and the only explanation that I have heard was that most of the shares are at present held fairly closely by investors who bought in the pre-embargo days at much higher rates and are unwilling to sacrifice such a big loss at today's price.

HOTELS FIRM

Hotels continue firm and there were sales yesterday between \$17.40 and \$17.20. Their considerable asset backing is about the only factor to justify their present high price. I mentioned a few weeks ago before the Hotel company's annual meeting that a well-known businessman in Hongkong was trying to corner the market in these shares in an attempt to force a better distribution. According to my informants, many people in the hope that the move will succeed for the businessman has reportedly acquired a substantial number of the Hotel company shares.

In the Utility section, most issues have held up well with the exception of Yaumatis and Stars which are under a cloud due to the investigation being made into a cross-harbour tunnel scheme by a British expert.

Yaumatis have lost \$4 from their ex-all price earlier this month and brokers do not expect any significant change until the expert's report is issued by Government. The ferry companies have indicated that until they know Government's attitude they are not prepared to undertake further expansion work other than that already in hand.

NOT LIKELY

The feeling among a number of brokers is that Government is not likely to go through with the plan as each new estimate of the cost of the tunnel project goes higher and higher.

Dairy Farms have announced a final dividend of \$1.70 less tax which was unchanged on last year's, but the shares rose slightly and yesterday were quoted at \$22 1/2—about 70 cents better on the fortnight.

In the Rubber section, there has been little change in both share prices and raw material rates in Singapore and the market has been quiet.

The share market therefore presents a fairly steady undertone this week and I think the fractional losses recorded in yesterday's closing prices do not presage any general setback.

WELCOMED IN H.K.

Of undoubted assistance to the market this week was the kite put up by Washington to test public reaction to what would appear to be a slight change in the American administration's policy towards the defence of Quemoy and Matsu—and even Formosa; in short, that there would be no automatic commitment of American forces to the defence of these areas.

That the intention would largely depend on the President's assessment of the intent and extent of any Communist attack.

American policy has therefore been slightly clarified to that extent and the Washington statement was obviously welcomed in Hongkong—for the Colony is always ready to take heart at well-founded optimism in the end of tough-talking diplomacy. Especially when we are so near the danger point.

Spinning Mill For Indonesia

Washington, Apr. 14. Indonesia, "officially" will construct a 5,000-spindle ramie spinning mill at M. d. n. utilizing Japanese made machinery, the Agriculture Department reported today. — United Press.

Socony Guarantee For Italy

Washington, Apr. 14. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co. Inc. has bought nearly \$11,000,000 in two types of Government guarantees covering a new investment in an Italian subsidiary, it was disclosed today.

The Foreign Operations Administration announced that Socony is making a "substantial" further investment in Socony-Vacuum. Italians in Naples so it can install a new catalytic cracking unit. The exact size of the investment was not announced.

The two Federal insurance arrangements bought by Socony guarantee it against loss of \$3,617,000 of its investment from expropriation by Italy and guarantee it will be able to get up to \$7,383,000 out of Italy in three years without loss from exchange restrictions.—United Press.

Aust. Pearling Season

Canberra, Apr. 14. The Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, Mr. John McEwen, said in a statement today that conditions applicable to Japanese pearling operations in the Australian area will be similar in the 1955 pearling season to those prevailing last year.

He explained that licences will be issued to not more than 25 Japanese loggers and other ships all of which will operate in specified areas off the Northern Territory and not less than 10 miles from land. Their activities will be closely supervised and the personnel will not be permitted to land in Australia except in very exceptional circumstances and with the prior approval of the Commonwealth Government.—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Apr. 14. The tin market was much steadier while other metals were steady but quiet. Prices closed today in sterling, per long ton as follows:—

Tin spot	buyers	sellers
3-month	71 1/2	71 1/2
Copper spot	300	307
3-month	301 1/2	302
Lead 1st half July	104 1/2	104 1/2
1st half July	104 1/2	104 1/2
1st half July	85	85 1/2
1st half July	85	85 1/2

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	6.70
Sterling (per £1)	35.73
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	13.50
Siam baht (per 100)	27.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.51
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	2.25

—United Press.

Among others, the Japanese delegation will include Government silk experts and Mr.

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$604,068.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS				
HK Bank	1525	1535	30	50
INSURANCES				
Union	1020		6	
SHIPPING				
Waterport		10 1/4		
DOCKS, ETC.				
K. Wharf	78		200	
President (O)				
XALL	1160	12		
Wheelock		7.30	500	
LAND, ETC.				
HK Hotel	17.10	17.30	3600	
HK Land	65	65 1/2		
RENTAL		2.15		
UTILITIES				
Tram	20.40	20.70	100	1000
			37	
Y. mat. Ferry				
XALL	108	108	200	
C. Light (O)	13.80	14.10	500	
C. Light (N)	13.60	14.10	1000	
Electric	32 1/2	32	1000	
Marine Elec.	32 1/2	32 1/2	600	
Telephone	28 1/2	28 1/2	500	
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement				
XALL	28 1/2	28.50	1000	200
Bope		17.20		
STORES, ETC.				
Daily		22 1/2		
Watson	12.30	13 1/2		
L. Crawford	22.50			
MISCELLANEOUS				

Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Apr. 15. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate	30/12
Consolidated Tin Smelters	30/12
Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ordinary	41.45
Fraser & Neave Ltd. 7 1/2% cum pref.	41.00
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corp. (Colonial Bank)	83.15
Malayan Fireworks	30/12
Raffles Hotel	30/12
Shanghai Cold Storage	30/12
South British Insurance	30/12
Strait Trading	30/12
Strait Steamship	30/12
United Engineers Ordinary	30/12
Wearns Brothers	30/12
Hongkong Tin	30/12
Peking Tin	30/12
East Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd.	30/12
Kempas Ltd.	30/12
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	30/12
N. Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd.	30/12

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Keep Sharp Watch For Saboteurs, Indonesia Warned

London, Apr. 14.

Communist China has urged the Indonesian government to keep a sharp watch against further conspiratorial acts by saboteurs, the New China News Agency reported today.

A dispatch by the agency from Djakarta said the Chinese Ambassador, Huang Chen, called on Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, Indonesian Prime Minister, to tell him the Chinese government regarded the air crash as a "serious incident" and "sabotage by the enemy of peace."

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times for registered correspondence are shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be obtained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Philippines, 4 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Borneo, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.

China, People's Republic, 9:30 a.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.
Malaya, P. East Africa, S. Africa (N. & S. Rhodesia) & Mozambique (P. & S. Rhodesia), 11 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Macao, 1:30 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
By Surface

Macao, 2 p.m.

He noted "It is an act not only hostile to the People's Republic of China, but to all countries taking part in the African-Asian conference."

The Air India Constellation airliner which crashed into the sea off Sarawak on Monday was carrying 11 Chinese and other Communist officials and allies to the Bandung conference. Three Air India personnel have been found alive.

The Indonesian Prime Minister expressed deep sympathy, the agency said.

He pledged that he would supervise security measures to ensure the safety of conference delegates and would be "vigilant against the enemies of peace."

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr. Sudarto, has also expressed sympathy to China over the air disaster.—Reuter.

Guided Missile Goes Astray

Washington, Apr. 14.

A Nike guided missile was discharged accidentally at Fort Meade, Maryland, today and landed in nearby Barbourville, Maryland, without injury to anyone, the Army said.

The anti-aircraft weapon carried a "non-explosive training warhead," the Army said.

The Army said the missile was released during a "routine practice alert." It landed near a main intersection of the Baltimore-Washington expressway.

Brig-Gen. R. B. Henrix, commander of the 2nd Anti-Aircraft Regiment, reported that the missile was discharged from a temporary launching site at 12:35 p.m. EST.

"No injury to military or civilian personnel or property has been reported," he said.

An investigation has been ordered and ordnance personnel are recovering missile fragments of the landing area.

The Nike missile, being installed at major cities for defense against enemy attack, it has a speed of 1,500 miles per hour, can reach targets 60,000 feet overhead and has a slant range of about 30 miles.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6. Time Signal and Programme Summary, 6.15. Children's Hour, 7. The Wind in the Willows (BBCGTS). By Kenneth Graham, adapted by May Jenkins. Part 1: The River Bank. (3.30. Popular Song Parade). 7. Set to Your Partners. 7.30. "Viewpoint." A. (Weekly London Stage Club Festival Production of "The Riverbank"). 7.30. Weather Report. 8. Time Signal. 8.15. Reel. Devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Janet Tomblin. Timothy Black comedy on the Hongkong Stage Club Festival Production of "The Riverbank". 8.30. Appeal for the Mission to Lepers by Dr. N. D. Fraser (Recorded). 9. Reel. Devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Janet Tomblin. Timothy Black comedy on the Hongkong Stage Club Festival Production of "The Riverbank". 9.30. Appeal for the Mission to Lepers by Dr. N. D. Fraser (Recorded). 10. Boulevard Reel. 10.15. Letter from America by Alvin Karpis. 10.30. Reel. Devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Janet Tomblin. Timothy Black comedy on the Hongkong Stage Club Festival Production of "The Riverbank". 10.30. Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. 11.15. Reel. Devoted to the Arts Edited and Introduced by Janet Tomblin. Timothy Black comedy on the Hongkong Stage Club Festival Production of "The Riverbank". 11.30. Close down.



Seafarers Celebrate Festival

Thousands of local seafaring folk are today celebrating the birthday of Tin Hau — "The Heavenly Queen" in various temples and on their own junks.

According to the Chinese legend, Tin Hau was the youngest daughter of a Government official in the Pu Tin district, Fukien, during the Sung Dynasty. The little girl was drowned when she went to rescue her father who had fallen into the sea. Since then she has been worshipped by Chinese seafarers, and has become the "Heavenly Queen" in the Manchu Dynasty.

She is also known as the goddess of children, and many women who wish to have children go to the Tin Hau temples to pray.

Picture above by staff photographer shows a junk decorated for today's festival.

An Admirable Contribution To The Festival Of The Arts

As was to be expected, the Hongkong Stage Club selected a prestige play for their contribution to the Hongkong Festival of Arts; the choice "The Rivals" by Sheridan, is a happy one in that it has all the qualities required in a play for such an occasion. It is a test for both producer and players, and is a rattling good play from the audience's point of view.

The thing to remember about a play of this kind which has acquired such merit over the years that it can take its place among selected text books for examinations, and becomes the subject of scholarly questions which would shake the author, let alone the pupils, is that young Dick Sheridan dashed it off as a play with good parts for good actors, and was out to amuse an audience of his time. The fact that the play still lives as a great play is because its humour is based upon the weaknesses, conceits and foibles of human nature, Mrs. Malaprop, Captain Absolute, and Lydia Langrish, are as alive today as they were in Sheridan's time.

Now it is obvious that Ray Obolias has seen this and the outcome is we have a rollicking production that moves with a frolic from the moment the curtain ascends.

HAPPY WHIRLWIND

In a play so wonderfully constructed where every part can succeed on its own merits, it is evident that some players will exploit their characters to the maximum so that rarely do we find two productions in which the same parts shine; and that's how it went last night.

Gerry Barnett was a happy whirlwind of a Sir Anthony and in the third scene acted the others of the stage. We were all waiting for Mrs. Malaprop and tip came Marie Clements to torture nouns, superlatives, and generally mangle the English language to the delight of the audience. David Jordan got into the character of his part as Mr. Acres, and Paddy Sheehan really enjoyed himself as the

PRISON & CANE FOR ROBBERS

Two Men Hold Up Buses

"These offences, occurring within a very short time of each other, warrants such a sentence," declared Mr. Justice J. Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he passed sentences totalling 10 years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane on each of two men who pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery on buses.

The accused were Tang Kam, 24, farmer, and Ng Bee, 24, unemployed. They were charged with (1) robbing Yuen Sheung of \$168.25 on board motor bus HK4083 on the main road near Nan Wai Village, Ping Shan district, on January 13 while armed with a .38 Colt revolver and (2) robbing Li Wai of \$194 on board motor bus No. HK4596 at the same place on the same date while also armed with a revolver.

Mr. J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, said both charges arose out of robberies on buses, and the two offences occurred within a short time of each other, namely, between 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. on January 13.

In both instances, he said, the method employed was similar. The accused signalled the buses to stop and while one man held up the occupants the other seized the conductor's bags containing the takings. In the second case, \$134 was in the conductor's bag, and \$60 was taken from the conductor himself. Following the robberies the men signalled the respective drivers to carry on and then ran off. Both bus drivers made immediate reports of the occurrences to Ping Shan police station.

On February 7, about 7 p.m. Det. Sub-Insps. Malden and a party of Police went to 16 Tai Cheung Street, Up Long and found both accused in a cubicle. A search was made of the room and a revolver was recovered from underneath a quilt. The weapon contained four rounds of ammunition.

ADMISSIONS

Taken back to the police station, the accused made statements which were admissions of the offences and they were subsequently charged. At an identification parade the following day, only the first accused was identified.

Both accused admitted previous convictions. The first had one and the second had four. Asked if they had anything to say in mitigation of the charges, the accused pleaded for leniency.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice Wicks said both robberies were committed by armed men, armed with a revolver, of public conveyances in the New Territories and the circumstances of the robberies showed a complete disregard of the law. "These offences, occurring within a very short time of each other, warrant such a sentence," he added.

DIFFERENT PLEAS

Both accused were then arraigned on a separate indictment of possession of a revolver, four rounds of ammunition and a dagger without a licence on January 13. First accused pleaded not guilty, and second accused admitted the offence.

Mr. Hobley informed the Court he would accept the pleas and offered no evidence against first accused.

His Lordship thereupon discharged first accused on this count.

Mr. Hobley said the revolver concerned was the one found in the cubicle in the Up Long house. In fairness to accused he added the report of the Police ballistics expert indicated that the ammunition could not be fired from that particular revolver and in fact could not be fired at all.

Mr. Justice Wicks sentenced second accused to three years' hard labour on this count, and ordered that it run concurrently with the other sentences.

The Court also ordered confiscation of the revolver, ammunition and dagger.

Sixth Fire Victim Dies

The death toll of the fire in Li Cheung Uk Village yesterday afternoon rose to six when a 50-year-old woman, Tang Yuk-tai, died at Kowloon Hospital at 8 a.m. today.

Five others were trapped on the first floor of the two-story building when the fire broke out at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. Despite magnificent work by the Fire Brigade, who had the blaze under control in 15 minutes, the four adults and a child perished when they found escape from the barred windows impossible.

The structure, 23 First Street, Li Cheung Uk Village, stands in a section of the area which has been cleared for resettlement. The building, which contained a rattan workshop, was a total loss. It was left with a burnt-out ceiling and charred walls.

Today's Gazetted Appointments

Mr. G. P. Ferguson and Mr. W. J. Dyer, Senior Education Officers, have been appointed Assistant Directors of Education. It was announced in the Government Gazette today. Mr. Ferguson's post, however, is being taken over by Mr. P. Dumas, as Mr. Ferguson is on leave with sick leave.

It was also notified that Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, Senior Crown Counsel, has resumed his duties on return from leave.

Other appointments gazetted were: Miss Eleanor Joyce Harper to be Woman Education Officer; Mr. C. B. Pickett to act as Commissioner of Prisons during the absence of Mr. Norman; Dr. Cheung King-ho to act as Malariologist, vice Dr. Mackie who is on leave prior to retirement; Dr. G. C. Franklin to be Acting Senior Medical Officer, during the absence of Dr. Moore; Dr. H. W. Wylie to be a Health Officer for the purposes of the New Territories Rules, vice Dr. P. A. M. van de Linde.

It was also notified that Dr. Cheung King-ho ceased to act as Senior Health Officer, and Mr. K. S. Kinghorn ceased to act as Director of Commerce and Industries, the resignation of duty by Mr. H. A. Angus.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

A 21-year-old labourer, Tse Tong, alias Mang Kai-long, residing in a hut at Anchor Street was "brought" before Mr. T. Creeden at Kowloon this morning charged with murder.

It is alleged by the Police that the accused, with others not in custody, murdered a Chinese, Au Shek, alias Tai Tau-shek, at a Kowloon tea-house on April 10. Tse was remanded until next Tuesday.

ALLEGED TORTURE

(Continued from Page 1)

Some prisoners broke down under treatment and "confessed" they worked with "Captain Schmidt" of "Nigo" Netherlands Indies Guerrilla Organization.

The treatment has been continuous since the men were arrested in two groups in January and June last year.

PROTESTS REBUFFED

Dutch protests have been rebuffed and they charge that defence counsel Herman Bouman has been interrogated and his house searched by state police.

Dutch legal experts see certain open court case would clear the prisoners. Say Professors J. M. van Eemelen and D. Hazewinkel-Suringa of Leyden. "The falsity of the evidence" can easily be demonstrated because the people designated as participants in subversive movements had at the very moment they were supposed to be active, long since left Indonesia.

To back this the Dutch have airline tickets and cheque withdrawal statements from banks in Holland.

With national feeling rising the Dutch government's hand may be forced and the Jungschlager Affair dealer flows to New York.—London Express Service.

Elegance Press Sued

A claim for \$1,252.85 brought by the Associated Printers, of 211 Prince's Building, against the Elegance Press (sued as a firm), Gary Wang Ching-wah and Elia Ming She-shou Wang, of 38, French Bank Building, was adjourned for one week by Judge A. D. Scholes at Victoria District Court this morning.

The defendants did not appear in Court.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. D. B. Gunston, of Wilkinson and Grist.

The sum claimed was alleged to be the balance due to the plaintiffs for work done and materials supplied between August 1953 and August 1954.

Appeal Decision On Monday

It was learned this morning that the Full Court will deliver its decision in the appeal brought by Dr. Ng Yuk-kin against his conviction at 12 noon on Monday, April 18.

Dr. Ng was convicted at the Criminal Sessions on December 13 last year on a charge of rape and was sentenced by Mr. Justice C.W. Reece to five years' hard labour.

His appeal before the Full Court was heard on March 14-15, when decision was reserved.

PASSING OUT PARADE

The 18th Passing-Out Parade of the Hongkong Chinese Trading Unit took place this morning at the Lyemum Barracks before Lieut-Gen. C. S. Sugden, CB, OBE.

It was an impressive ceremony at which 30 recruits headed by two Officers marched past Lieut-Gen. Sugden to the accompaniment of music provided by the band of the 7th Queen's Own Hussars.

Before the march past Lieut-Gen. Sugden inspected the ranks on the parade ground.

This was followed by the presentation of the H.K.C.T.U. Champion Platoon Shield to No. 4 Platoon by Lieut-Gen. Sugden.

Trophies were presented to the following Best Recruits and Champion Shot.

Champion Recruit (No. 4 Platoon) Ret. Fan Kin Cheung.

Best Recruit (No. 1 Platoon) Ret. Chan Kam Tong.

Best Recruit (No. 2 Platoon) Ret. Lai Sin Yik.

Best Recruit (No. 3 Platoon) Ret. Shum Chi Kong.

Champion Shot (No. 2 Platoon) Ret. Lee Shiu Yick.

The parade was watched by more than 150 people. There were about 40 military men and guests, including Mrs. Sugden, Brigadier and Mrs. Cholmeley and Colonel and Mrs. Forest, S. Rangers, United States Liaison Officer.

Naturalisation

H.E. the Governor, with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has conferred the privilege of British Naturalisation on Mr. Aracy Michalovich, Trojan, master mariner. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Soldier Celebrated Posting

In answer to Mr. Hin-shing-Lee question: "What were you celebrating on your drinking spree?" Cpl. Henry James Morris, 21, of 56 Coy RASC, charged with four traffic offences, disorderly conduct and common assault, replied, "my posting to Singapore."

At Central this morning Cpl. Morris pleaded guilty to driving without a licence, dangerous driving, driving without the owner's consent, and without third party insurance. With the last three were additional charges of "disorderly conduct and common assault."

After defendant's Senior Officer told the Court that Morris had a good service record and was due to leave for Singapore tomorrow, Mr. L. J. sentenced him to a total fine of \$475 or two months and 87 days.

Morris was given 24 hours to pay.

WHAT HE DID

Sub-Insps. W. Boxall said that defendant went to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home on Thursday and seeing a jeep parked outside he got in and drove off.

He turned into Arsenal Street and then into Lockhart Road where he drove at a high speed and in a dangerous manner.

Along this road, continued Insp. Boxall, a learner driver was undergoing instruction in a car and his evidence was that the military jeep was travelling at a high speed and swerving from one side of the road to the other.

In a vain attempt to avoid a head-on collision the learner driver tried to climb a pile of rubble on his roadside but failed and a collision occurred. Nobody was injured but damage to the private car was heavy.

OBSTREPEROUS

Morris then jumped out of the jeep, but before he could get away he was arrested by two Constables and taken to Eastern Police Station.

At the station, added Insp. Boxall, defendant was obstreperous and used foul language. He also assaulted a Military Policeman with his fist.

Asked by the Magistrate whether defendant was drunk at the time Insp. Boxall said that he had been drinking but was not certainly drunk.

TO ACT AS C.O.

Flight Lieutenant G.C. Cairns, R.A.F., has been appointed by H.E. the Governor to act as Commanding Officer of the Hongkong Auxiliary Air Force during the absence of Wing Commander J.E.L. Carter. It was announced in the Government Gazette today.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"If your generation progresses the way mine did, instead of an international war we'll have an interplanetary conflict!"

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